Coll Smith &c Mag[istrates] Notes

Proceedings
of the Church in Whites Alley Moorfields
under the Pastoral Care of Mr Abr. Mullineux
from 21 Sep. 1728 to 22. Nov. 1761

Mem.
John Clark signd 18 Apr. 1731 — Mr Bulkley chosen Pastor 3 Sept. 1743
The Congn removd from White alley to Barbican in 1745 (Vid Min. 17 Feb. and
17 Mar. 1744/5 & the back of 22 Sep. 1745)
and in or abt the Year 1779 it Removed from Barbican to Hoggs Lane
otherwise Worships Street in the Parish of S[t] Leonard Shoreditch

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Ministers of Whites alley Moorfields

1 Jos. Jonnings was Minister in the year 1681
but how long b[efo]re does not appear He died b[ur]y[e]d 24 Sep[t] & 22 Dec[r] 1694

2 Joseph Taylor succeeded 20 Nov[r] 1694
was Dismissed with Church Consent for Immoral Conduct Nov. 1699

3 after the Dismission of Taylor the Church seems to have been
supplied by Tho[s] Doan, Messenger, from March 1699 till the year 1703.
The Conduct of Taylor occasions many Church Meetings and
Consultations with the other Churches recorded in this Book [prior to this]

4 W[m] Mullineux was Invited to Take the Charge of this Church
19 Sep[t] 1699 but does not seem to have acted as Pastor
tile June 14 1703 that being the first time of his Signing first
the Last Church Meeting Signed by him was 18 March 1738/9
his Death is not recorded but plainly Implyed by the Church Meet[g]
held 17 June 1739

5 Tho[s] Ashworth Succeeded He was Invited by Letter recorded 4 Nov. 1739
the first Church Meeting he Signed was 19 May 1740. the last 20 Sep[t] 1742
his Death is not recorded but Implyed by Church Meet[g] 24 Oct. 1742

6 Charles Bulkley Succeeded and was Chosen at a General Church
Meeting held 4 Apr. 1743 ---- 22 May 1743 it was Resolved that the
Ordination of an Elder & two Deacons be on 15 June Dinner for this Purpose ord. 5 June
whether this Ordination did then take place & who officiated at it does not appear
The first Church Meeting Signed by W[m] Bulkley as Pastor was 22 May 1743 The Last
was 2[d] Nov. 1761

He Died at his ~~Lodg~~ Lodging N[o] 31 Ironmonger Rows
in the Parish of S[t] Lukes, Old Street London Apr. 15[th] 1797 Age 78
and was Interred in Worship street Burial Ground

At a Church meeting Sept 21 1728.

bro[th]r John walker acknowledg his negligene
and promised amendment according to y[e] report
of bro[th]r Jackson & bro[th]r Hasted
agreed y[t] y[e] entry of y[e] agreement of y[e] 5 Churches
by our broth[r] Dean be reffered to y[e] next Church
meeting
agreed y[t] y[e] case of y[e] workmans bills be refered to
next Church meeting they not being yet bro[t] in

Wm: Mullinex
Thomas Cox
John May
Robt Hampton
Tho: Gibbins
Samuel Stanier
Nath[ll] Gibson
Peter Gadby
Nath[ll] Hasted.
William Hooker
Joseph Hanks
Tho Hunquiett
Richd: Jackson
John Hawkins
Christopher Fox

Ill a Church meeting oct 20 1728

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ye entry of ye agreement of ye 5 churches by our bro^th Dean be refered to ye next Church meeting

agreed y^t ye workmans bills be refer'd to ye next Church meeting they not being yet brought in

agreed y^t ye branch be Cleaned & put up against ye next Lords Day

agreed y^t some time be Spent in prayer on nov 6 from ye howrs of one to three & to Conlude afterwards wth a Sermond & y^t bro^th Geo mullinere Do preach ye Same

agreed y^t bro^th Stonier & bro^th Hanks Do enquire into & report Concerning Sister risby & her Daughter whether they have Comunion with m^rs wilcox or nott

Wm: Mullineer
John Wall
John Keeling
Robt Plimpton
Samuel Stonier
Joshua Benbridge
George Mullineer,
Tho: Wyatt
Tho: Illingworth
Tho Gibbins
Joseph Hanks
John Hawkins
Jam: Keeling
Richd: Jackson
Willm Hooker
Richd. Pickering
B Fox

all a Church meeting nov 17 1728

agr^d y^t ye entry of ye agreement of ye 6 Churches by our brother Dean be refer'd to ye next Chuch meetin

agr^d y^t ye workmans bill be refered to ye next Church meet^g they not being yet brought in

ye mesingers Sent to Sister risby report y^t y^t ye report is true respecting ye mother but not relating to the Daughter with respect to there having Communion with m^r willcox

agr^d y^t a Sermond be preached on ye Day called Christmas Day & y^t ye Sermond on ye Fryday following be omited

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Wm. Mullineux
John Keeling
John May
Robt Kimpton
Joshua Benbridge
Saml Keeling
Nath^ll Gibson
Chr. Storke Fox
Willi Hooker
John Hawkins
Joseph Hanks
Tho: Illingworth
George Mullineux
Samuel Symes
Caleb Smith
Tho: Wyatt
B Fox

Att a Church meeting Dec 22 1728

agreed y^t ye entry of ye agreement of ye 5 Churches by our broth^r Dean be refered to ye next Church meeting

agreed y^t ye workmans bills be refered to ye next Church meeting they not being yet brought in

agreed y^t the agreement relating to reception, of Sister risby^n be Disanulled & y^t She be Denied Comunion with this Church She having joyned in Comunion with ye Presbyterian Congregation

agreed y^t broth^r Hanks & broth^r Gibson Do enquire into ye Converfation & behavior of John Bedford & Do warn him in ye next Church meeting

agreed y^t broth^r Dadley & broth^r Gibbins Do enquire into ye report of brother Dadley respecting martha Dadly Church meeting being with Child by fornication & warn her into ye next

agreed y^t broth^r Easingdine be Defered to pay m^r Chelle^r bill & y^t ye Church Do reinburse ye Same

Will. Hooker
Joshua Bellbridge
Wm. Mullineux
John Keeling
John May
Robt Kimpton
Henry Heywood
Thomas Giblins
Tho: Kingsmith
Chris Fox
Joseph Hanks
John Hawkins
Tho: Wyatt
Samuell Barnes
Nathl Gibson
George Mullineux
B Fox

att a Church meeting Jan 19 1728/9

agreed y^t ye entry of ye agreement of ye 6 Churches by our bro^th Dean be refered to ye next Church meeting

agreed y^t ye Case of ye workmans bills be refered to ye next Church meeting they not being yet brought in

agreed ye mesengers making report of ye Life & Conversation of John Bedford & he promised to be at this present Church meeting whereas he is not it is agreed y^t one or both of ye mesingers be Desired to warn him in again to ye next Chu meting & to Lett him know y^t if he Does not appear ye Church will with Draw from him

ye Case of martha Hadly be refered to ye next Church meeting & y^t Bros Fox & bro^th Gibins Do warn her in to ye next Church meeting

Wm: Mullinex
John Keeling
John Hilay
Henry Heywood
Samuel Stricker
Caleb Smith
Joseph Hanks
Christopher Fox
Nath^ll Gibson
Tho: Kingsnoth
Nath^ll Hasted
Joshua Benbridge
Richd: Jackson
Tho: Wyatt
Willi: Hooker
John Hawkins

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Att a Church meeting Feb 16: 1728/9

Entry of the agreement of ye 5 Churches by our bro Dean

be reffered to the next Church meeting

ye Case of ye workmans bills be refer'd to ye
next Church meeting they not being yet brought in

wheras low messingers affpearing all our Church meeting
from ye Church under ye Care of Bro Hr rudd to know
If we had any thing against Cathering Wilson She afflying
to them for Comunion
agreed yt they might receive her She being in full Comunion
with this Church

ye Case of John bedford to be refer'd to ye next
Chuch meeting

ye Case of martha Hadley to be refered to ye next
Church meeting by ye messingers Do let her know
If She Do not affpear ye Church will withdraw
from her

Abra: Mullineo
John Keeling
John his mark
Robt Plimpton
Samuel Prince
Tho: Wyatt
Christopher Fox
Tho: Kingsnoth
Joseph Hanks
Nath[ll] Gibson
Richard Jackson
Joshua Benbridge
Willi: Hooker
B Fox
John Hawkins

1st Church March. 23. 1728

Spittle Fields

Two Messengers from the Church meeting in Old Artillery Ground, Under the Pastoral Care of Doc. John Church, to know if Brother Wm Chalkley was in full Communion with this Church, or whether we had any thing against his Life & Conversation

It was Agreed that we return an answer to the aforesaid Messengers, he is an Honourable Member, & was in full Communion with this Church.

Agreed that the Case of our Debts & Fund be Collected together, & that Bro Mullineux do aquaint our Friends of it, next Lords Day, & that ~~this~~ that day fortnight we have a Church Meeting in Order to Consider of the best Method for the Raising of the Money against which time the Workmen are desird to bring in their Bills.

The Case of John Bedford be referrd to the next Church Meeting the Messengers not having a proper Opportunity to deliver their Message

The Messengers sent to Martha Hadley report that they have delivered their Message, which was that in Case she did not appear the next Church Meeting they would withdraw from her, Accordingly it is Agreed that this Church has withdrawn their Communion from her

Agreed that the Branch in the Meeting be taken down

Agreed that on Wednesday in the Easter Week, this Church set apart from three to six in the afternoon, for Prayers to Almighty God in behalf of themselves & rest of the Churches

Visit

Wm: Mullineux
Robt Plimpton
Samuel Stanier
Joseph Hanks
Sam[l]: Keeling
Tho: Wyatt
Nath[ll] Gibson
Samvell Barnes
John Hawkins
Tho: Kingsmith
Rob: Saudors
B Fox
Willi. Hooker
Chris: Fox
George Mulliner
Mich Deane

At a Church Meeting April 20. 1729

~~to 22 Nov 1761~~

Whereas, there was an order last Church Meeting, to consider of the best Method for Raising Money for the Fund, & defraying the Charges of the Debts, We proceeded accordingly to begin with Subscriptions for that End, & It is Agreed that It be Continued, & that next Lords Day Bro. Mullinier do acquaint the Members of this Church with it.

Agreed that the following persons be appointed to go those persons that have not Contributed to the above Fund, & Church Debts viz.t Bro. Rob.t Plympton & Mr. Callow & Tho.s Cordery & Cap. Dussdine
Zach. Jackson } Abr. Belstead } John May } Ja.s French
or. Tho.s Kingsnorth

& that Bro. Mullinier & Bro. Smith be desired to write out a List of the Names of those persons that have not already Contributed

The Messengers sent to John Bedford report they have met with him, & gave for Answer, he never more would come among us, It Agreed therefore that this Church do withdraw their Communion from him, & have accordingly withdrawn their Communion

Wm. Mullinier
Thomas Cox
John May
Robt Plimpton
Samuel Stanion
Joseph Hanks
William Plimpton
Lam.l Keeling
Richard Jackson
John Hawkins
Josiah Holley
Mich Dean

At a Quarterly Meeting Die Dom. 18 May 1729

The Ch. proceeding in the affaire relating to the Subscription
the several Lotts were delivered to the Surveyors.

Agreed That Bro[r] C. Smith & Bro[r] Storer be Desired to goe to Bro[r] Bembridge & settle the Agreem[t] relating to the Ch.

Tho: Mullinex
John Wray
Robt Plimpton
John Hawkins
Tho: Kingsworth
Joseph Hanks
Nath[ll] Gibson
Josiah Holley
Sam[ll] Bodicott

Christopher Fox
Willi: Hooker

At A Church Meeting June. 22. 1729

Sister Wilkins making Application to this Church for some relief ~~Hatley~~ she being in very mean circumstances, It is agreed that her Case be referr'd to our Brethren the Deacons.

Brother Mullinex reports that at Bro. Caleb Smiths request (who being ill) Brother Deane went to his House to make up the Account between him & the Church, & that there was due to Ballance from the said Bro. Smith Thirteen pounds six shillings which Sum he paid into the hands of Mich. Deane, the Ballance exce. of Bro. Bembridge being included in Bro. Smiths account as above

Agreed the Brethren Appointed April 20. last to go with the Lists, ~~be Desired~~ have a meeting together to Examine & Compleat the Lists of Subscriptions & make their Report against next Church Meeting & that the following Brethren be added to the above persons viz. Bros. Howard, Wm Plumpton Geo. & Wm Felstead, Stonier, Pratt, Deane, Chittle, Dadley, Gibbs. together with as many more as please to attend.

Bro. Bembridge being Indisposed It is agreed that Bro. William Hooker be desired to officiate ~~for him~~ in his stead for the next Quarter

Robt. Mullinex
Christ: Fox
Thomas Cox
B Fox
John May
Samuell Barnes
Robt Plimpton
Joseph Hanks
Thomas Gibbins
Samuel Stonier
Tho: Wyatt
Nath[ll] Gibson
Tho: Kingsnath
Mich Deane

At a Church Meeting July. 20th. 1729

The Deacons having Incerned the Case of Bro: Wm Dillon & Wife, as in their opinion capable to provide for themselves during the Summer Season with the Assistance of the Church,

It is agreed that their Case be left to our Brethren the Deacons to act in that affair as they shall Jude most proper.

It is agreed that Bro: Stonier & Bro: Hanks be added to the West List, & desired to Compleat it as Soon as possible the Brethren having meet pursuant to an Order of last Church Meeting, when they Examin'd the the other three Lists & paid in the Money Collected to Bro: Deane.

Agreed that Bro: Caleb Smith, & Mich. Deane, be Messengers for the Fund for the Year Ensuing.

Wm Mullines
Tho: Cox
John May
Robt Plimpton
peter Dadly
Tho: Wyatt
Nath[ll] Gibson
Tho Corderey
Richard Jackson
John Hawkins
George Mullines
Josepho Hanks
Samuel Stonier
B Fox
Nath[ll] Hasted.

Att a Church meeting Aug. 24. 1729

Sister James Desiring to remove her comunion from Bro^th Smiths Congration in hart street to this Church agreed y^t bro^th Gibsons & Bro^th Benoite be the mesengers

agreed the moneys w^h our bretheren the Deacons Lay out on the account of the poor belwen this & michallmass next y^t the Church Do reinburce the Same

agreed y^t the Case of the poor be considerd the next Church meeting & y^t the bretheren be aquainted wth itt & y^t measures may be taken for a Constant Supply hereafter

Wm. Mullinex
Thomas. Cox
Robt Plumpton
Samuel Stanion
Joseph Hanks
Daniel Bonoitt
Henry Heywood
Nath^ll Gibson
Robt Long
B Fox
Tho: Kingsnoth
Will: Hookin
Samuell Barnes
John Hawkins

At A Church Meeting 21 Septr 1729 Die Dom.

The agreements of last Ch. meeting being read, and approved

The Affrs relateing to the Ch. being considered, It is agreed to desire Br Deane to State the Accts & enter it in the book for that purpose which was formerly kept by Bro Caleb Smith, who hath made up his Accts.

The Ch. taking into consideration the State of the Poore and the Subscription farthem & for the Rent & Taxes, and severall debates arising thereupon in relation to the Deacons &c.

Agreed that the Ch. will reimburse ye Deacons according to last Ch. meeting till the next day month.

Agreed that itt is opinion of the Ch: that the Deacons be desired to meet & counsell amongst themselves & report at next Ch. meeting whether they will undertake the busines of the Ch. & especially relateing to the Subscription or whether they doe require new assistants, to their help, (viz) an addition of more Deacons.

The Messengers sent to the Ch. at Hartsheadabout Mary Jane's report. That she is in full Communion with them It is agreed therefore that we doe receive her into our Com

Wm: Mullineux
Robt Plimpton
Samuel Stanion
Joseph Hanks
Samuell Barns
John Hawkins
B Fox
George Mullineux
William Felstead
Henry Howard
Henry Heywood
Mark Gibson
Daniel Bancroft
Christ: Fox
Tho: Wyatt
Tho Kingsteth
Caleb Smith

At a Church Meeting Oct. 19, 1720

The case relating to the Deacons &c Is referd to the next Chuch Meeting

Agreed ... That Geo. Stead & Jn: Walker, be admonish'd for neglect of Duty in marking good their places & Bro. Sam[l] Stonier & Wm Tolstead be the Messengers.

Agreed that Bro: Johnson & his Wife be admonish'd for neglect of Duty & that Bro. Peter Dadley & Bro Gibson be the Messengers

Agreed that Bro. W Plympton be spoke to to amend the Closet floor in the Letter Room at the Meeting

Wm: Mullineer
Peter Dadly
Nath[ll] Gibson
George Mullineer
Tho: Kingsnoth
Richd Jackson
Thos Wyatt
John Hawkins
Josiah Holly
William Felstead
Joseph Hanks
Samuel Stonier
B Fros
Will: Hooker
Mich Deane

At a Church Meeting Decem^r 21. 1729

Our Brethren the Deacons report that they desire to be Excus'd from taking care of the Subscriptions, but are willing to refer the affair to ye Brethren at this Church Meeting.

1 Agreed that there be a Choice of more Deacons added to those already for the better regulating the affairs of ye Poor &c of this Church.

2 It Is also agreed that by the next Church We proceed to the Nomination of proper persons for the above office

3 that the present Deacons may if they please May first Nominate such persons as are most Agreeable to them.

4 Agreed the Deacons be reimburs'd what Money they shall advance to ye Poor of this Church in any Sum not Exceeding Three pounds

The Brethren report Bro^r Geo. Stead & Jno. Walker promised to ~~attend ye next Church Meeting~~ make good their places

The Brethren report that did not see Bro^r Johnson but left the Message wth his Wife who promised to make good hers

Bro^r Enoch Thompson making application to this Church for some relief for his self & family being very poor & his Wife Sick, It is agreed that the Deacons let him have some present relief.

Red. Roy Thomas this Wife making application by Letter
for a Letter of Recomendation to a Church in Pensilvania
In order to Settle their Communion there
It is Agreed that Bro. Mullenier be desir'd to draw up a Letter
for that purpose

Abra: Mullenier
John 1770
Caleb Smith
Samuel Stonier
Thos Dagley
Thomas Gilling
Samuell Borrow
Richard Jackson
Josiah Hollis
Willi: Hooton
Christ: Fox
Rio: Brunson
Jab Gibbs
Nich. Dean
Rio: Wyatt
Thos Hingworth
Wm. Fielstead
Joseph Hanks
Nath tt Gibson
John Reynolds
John Hawkins
B Fox



At a Church Meeting Janr. 18. 1729

Sister Horn making Application to the Church for some relief for her Mother, It is agreed that we refer her Case to our Brethren the Deacons.

Agreed that Mrs. Deane do pay for the Church Seven shill: & 6d. to Brother May, It being what he Expended for the Cleaning the Branches

Agreed, that pursuant to the resolutions of last Church Meeting we do proceed to the Nomination of Deacons at this time & accordingly the following persons were put in Nomination viz: John Cuttle, John Callow, Rich. Jackson, Abm. Felstead, Thō. Kingsnorth, Howard, Sam Stonier Hasted Isaac Spratt, Thō. Gibbins, Capt Bassnding

It is also Agreed that Shrove Tuesday be the day set apart for this Work to begin with prayer & a Sermon to Continue till about 2 in the afternoon & then to proceed to the Choice out of the above persons, & it is desired that there shall not be above the Number of Six Chosen unless that any of those Chosen do refuse to accept of the above offic

Nora: Mulliner
John May
Thomas Gibbins
Tho: Wyatt
Richd. Jackson
Chris. Fox
B Fox
Willi: Hooker
Josiah Holley
Joseph Hanks
Nathll Gibson
John Hawkins

1st Algeneral Church Meeting Feb 6. 10. 97

We proceed to the Choice of Deacon's as Agreed last Church Meeting when Brethren following were chosen. viz. John Chattle, John Callow. Nath Jackson, Thr Kingsworth. Sam Stonier, Thr Gibbons, Isaac Spratt Wm. Howard but the first two had a Majority of Votes

Wm: Mulliner
John May
Nath Gibson
Peter Jaday
Mich Deans
John Hawkins
Henry Heywood
Joseph Hanks
George Mulliner
Josiah Holley
Willi: Hooker

At a Church Meeting Feb. 15. 17[illegible]

We reported that at the Genral Meeting Church, the following persons were Chose Deacons (but ~~the~~ and it being agreed at a former Church meeting not to Exceed the number Six Unless any of those Chose should refuse to Act in the office of a Deacon) viz. Brs. John Fallow — Rich Jackson, Thd. Kingsnath, Sam Stower Thd Gibbons, ~~Thd. Longworth~~ Thd Chittley, Jacb Spratt & Thd. Howard, the two Six having a Majority — one Both the Deacons,

It is agreed that Brs. Mulliner, Brs. Heywood, & Brs Dadley & Deane, be appointed to acquaint the Brethren Chose with it, & to report their answer the next Church Meeting —

Agreed that the Windows in the Meeting be mended, & it is desired that Brs. Francis, do speake to Benj. Cooper & Jon Street of St

Wm. Mulliner
John May
Henry Heywood —
Caleb Smith
Prosr Dadly
Thomas Gibbins
Richard Jackson
Amos Spunage
Jno Gibbs
John Hawkins
Samuell Barnes
Nath ll Gibson
Joseph Hanks
Mich Deane

Att a Church Meeting Die Dom° 22th March 1729

The agreement of last Ch. meeting being read and The Report of the Comittee appointed to acquaint the Persons who are chosen into the office of Deacons & receive their answer which they report as follow, That they had been with the Six following Brethren that were Chosen at the generale Ch meeting (viz) Bro^d Kingsnorth, Gibson: Jackson Collens Stonier & Chittle The three first who with some reluctancy have accepted & acquiesced with the Choice of the Ch. and the other three have not yet given their consent & at present seem to decline accepting the offis of Deakon

Agreed that the same Comittee be desired to make another visitt to Bro^d Collens & Stonier and also to Bro^d Ben Howard & make report next Ch meeting

Bro^d Chittle moved the Ch. to appoynt 2 Brethren of their Ch to meet the representatives of the other 5 Churches Interested in the Prize John Ellacot to audit the Acco^t of the Trustees & make report next Ch meeting and that they be impowered to agree with the other representatives if they see propr about the Ch. in the Park. Agreed that Bro^d C Smith & Bro^n M Deane be our representatives

Agreed that there be a Collection for the Friend the second Lord day in Aprill & that notice be given to the members after next Breaking bread:

Agreed that the Breach be taken downe

Agreed that W Plinton be desired to mend the lopp of the gate & the Closett in Bro^r Petty's roome

Mr: Mullner
John Mary
Tho: Kingsnorth
Samuell Barnes
Richd: Jackson
Nath^ll Gibson
John Hawkins
Joseph Flanks
Thos Dadley
Nath^ll Hasted
Josiah Holley
Richd Pickering
Caleb Smith

At a Church Meeting 19 Aprill 1730. Die Dom

Agreed That the Messengers appointed last Ch. meeting be desired to goe to Brs Abrah. Fletcher & Nath.ll Halsted & desire them to accept of the Deacons office

Brd Smith Reported that he had pursuant to the aday of last Ch. meeting mett the Representative of the 5 Ch. Interested in Peirce Johns Estate, and that the Ballance is due to the Trustees 4:2:1¾, And the Rent due to Lady day last 4 120.5.0 and that our Trustees had receivd their last settlemt in May 1728: 38s. beside 6s for the Messengers

Agreed that the advice & Instruction be given to our Trustees relating to the affaire of Ch. at the Park (viz.) that in our opinion they call for the advise & assistance in their Case of the ministers & the rest of the four Churches and also desire that the Trustees be desired to take care of the Intrest & Property of the sd 5 Ch.

Abra: Mullinex

1° Aprill 1730

	£	s	d
The Ballance due to the Trustees	4	2	1¾
Graves, 1 Rent due at Lady day		55	4 —
Sadler, 2 years Rent due Lady day } exept 2l. 15s in part }	6	5	4 —

Cash paid our Trustees since last settlemt in May 1728: 44 4 —

5 May	1728	To Jos. South	8 4 —
28 Jan.	1728	To Jn° Chittle	10 4 —
23 July	29	To Jn° Chittle	10 4 —
5 Feby	29	To Jn° Chittle	10 4 —
20 May	29	To D° for the Mess.rs	6
			44 4 —

Exd C:S

John May
Richard Jackson
Joseph Hanks
Nath.ll Gibson
Tho: Kingsmith
Rich.d Pickering
Tho: Wyatt
Will: Hooker
Daniel Bonant
John Hawkins
Josiah Holley
Caleb Sm[illegible]

A Church Meeting: 24 May 1730. Die Dom

The Messengers sent last Church Meeting to Br Salva Toledo & Bro Halstead
make their report That they have been with them & after making several
excuses they have however accepted of the Churches Choice of them & given them
Counsel accordingly

Bro Mellinier reports that he had been with our Bro Deane & found
that they had put into the Fund fifteen pounds for their Ch. which entitles
their Ch to send 3 Representatives,
Agreed that Bro Smith & Deane & Bro Callow be our Representatives for
the years ensuing to the said Fund

Wm: Mellinier
Thomas Cox
John Gray
Nath[ll] Gibson
Samuel Stevens
Henry Heywood
Samuel Bayley
Tho: Kingsnoth
John Hawkins
Tho: Wyatt
Josiah Holley
Sam[l] Keeling
Will: Hooker

At a Church meeting June 2d 1730

Agreed that next wednesday three weeks be the day to be sett apart for the ordination of our Brethren Tho Kingsnell Rich[d] Jackson Nath[ll] Hastead Allen Felt[head] & Bro[r] Tho Gibbons, to the Deaconary office in this Ch, And that the following Elders viz[t] Bro[r] Randall Bro[r] Morris & Bro[r] Ingram or who else Bro[r] Mather thinks fitt to call to his assistance for carrying the work of the Day, and to begin at 10 Clock

Agreed that Bro[r] Deane Callow French Howard & Smith & Stoner be appointed as a Comittee to provide a refreshment for the Ministers & Deacons of this Ch

Whereas it is reported that Bro[r] Stead that has led a scandalous life of late & has withdrawn himself from his Creditors It is agreed that he shall not have Com. with this Ch. until we are satisfied of his Life & Conversation

Sam: Mullins
Thomas Cox
John May
Richd Jackson
Samuel Stoner
Thomas Gibbons
Joseph Hanks
John Hawkins
Tho: Kingsnell
Wilk. Hooker
Josiah Holley
Nath[ll] Gibson
Sam[l] Bodicoat
Caleb Smith

At a Church Meeting 19th July 1730 Die Dom.

The five following Brethren were according to the agreement of last Ch. meeting ordained Deacons in this Ch. viz. Bro Tho. Gibbons Tho. Kingsnoth Richd Jackson Nath. Hasted & Alex. Felsted

Agreed that Bro. Mullins be desired to return the thanks of this Ch. to the Elders concerned with him in the said ordination

Agreed that Br. Mullins Bro. Jn. Mercy & Bro. Caleb Smith be desired to wait on Bro. Jos. Burroughs & return him our Thanks for his excellent sermon preached at Sacks him on the Subject of & Duty of the Deacons office, & that the Ch. wish the it may be printed & for the encouragement this Ch. will take of 100 of the Sermons

Alex. Mullins
Thomas Cox
John May
Thomas Gibbins
Nath. Hasted
Richd Jackson
Tho. Kingsnoth
William Felsted
John Griffeth
Nath. Gibson
Tho. Wyatt
Caleb Smith
John Lanrow
Chris. Fox
John Peers
Will. Hookey

Bro^th mulliner ^ report ye walls Smith broth according to the Churches
Desire waited on bro^th Burras & returned him thanks
for his Sermond w^h he preached at the Deacon ordination & Gave us incoragement
to believe he will print the Same

agreed that brother Deans accounts be taken into
Consideration the next Church meeting wth the Charge
of intertaing the ministers y^t assisted in the ordination
of the Deabns

agreed that John walker be warned into the next church meeting ^ for neglecting
his Duty in making good his place & that
bro^th robert Simpson & bro^th may be the messingers

agreed that the assembly w^h used to meet at Stonystratford
if they please have the Liberty of meeting here
next whitsonlide

agred that Abra Francis be Desired to get
in a Load of Coalls again winter

agreed that bro^r Johnson & his wife be warned
into the next Church meeting for there
neglect of Duty & to Let them know that
if they Do not assfear the Church will
with Draw from then & y^t broth Stonier
& bro^th Gibson be the messingers

Abra: Milliner
Thomas Cox
Robt. Wray
Robt Skimpton
Thomas Gibbins
Nath^ll Hasled
Tho. Kingsnoth
Jo^b Gibbs
William Tolster
Samuel Stonier
Tho: Wyatt
Nath^ll Gibson
Will Hookins
John Hawkins

At a Church Meeting 20th Sept. 1730. Die Dom.

Bro. Mulliner informed the Ch: that the Collectors for the Parsonage Tythes had been with him to demand 5s. quarterly Tythe for his meeting place, which being taken into Consideration

Agreed that there be a Committee appointed to examine how far we are obliged to submitt to pay & make report next Ch meeting or sooner if they think necessary, and that Bro. Callow: Wm. Flinton Caleb Smith Abra. Foster & Bro. Cuttle or any 3 of them be impowered to act in this affaire

The Messenger sent to warn in Bro. Jno. Walker report that he said he was resolved to make good his place

The Messenger sent to warn in Bro. Johnson & his wife report that he wished he had known 2 or 3 days before, & other like sitting excuses and not appearing Agreed that if they doe not appear & make good their places at next Ch-Meeting that then this Ch will absolutely withdraw from them

Abra: Mulliner

John Peay
Nath. Hasted.
Tho: Kingsnoth
Richd Jackson
Samuell Bourne
William Felsted
Samuel Stanier
Nath. Gibson
Peter Dadley
John Hawkins
Wm. Hooker
Tho: Wyatt
John Peters
Caleb Smith

At a Church Meeting October 18.. 1730

Brother Richard Bennett formerly a Member with this Church making application to renew his Communion, It is agreed that Messengers be appointed to enquire into his Life & Conversation. & Bro. Jackson, & Bro. Geo. Stanks & Bro. Thō. Wyatt be the Messengers

Agreed that the Affair of the Parson's Tythe be refer'd to the next Church meeting

Agreed that Bro. John Johnson & his Wife be Suspended their Communion for long Neglect of duty, & rejecting the Churches many Admonitions, & accordingly they are withdrawn from.

Agreed that Bro. Deane do wait on our Bro. Joseph Burroughs & pay him for the 100. Sermons the Church had, & y^t^ Same time give him thanks.

Agreed that Bro. Deane's account be refer'd to ye next Church Meeting

Agreed that the Church do withdraw their Communion from Mary Edwards for her Scandalous Life, & she is accordingly withdrawn from

Josiah Holley
Will Hooksr
Mich Deane
John Hawkins

Abra: Mullins
Tho: Cox
John Allen
Robt Plimpton
Nath Hayted.
Richd: Jackson
Thomas Giblins
Tho: Kingsnorth
Nath Gibson
Thos Wyatt
Rich Bickering

Act to a Church Meeting Novem. 22. 1730

The Messengers report, that upon Enquiry ~~that~~ they met with nothing amiss Inq. Life & Conversation of Bro. Richd Bennett, It is therefore Agreed that he be Continued a Member in full Communion with this Church

Our Brethren the Deacons having represented to the Church, that the Subscriptions to the poor are in Arrears, & that It is their Opinion those Subscriptions might be Augmented were these affairs Inspected, & proper Persons appointed to take Care of that affair, We therefore Judge It proper that a Collecter be Chosen, who shall Attend at the Meeting during the Quarter, but afterwards shall go to the Houses of those persons who have not paid their Quarteredge and that Whereas our Brethren the Deacons having the Care of the Poor when It shall be needfull may apply to proper persons to ake ment their Subscriptions, as Also to others who have not Subscribed already, & that they may if needfull apply to proper Members to assist them herein as Also to make their application to those who shall be behind in the payment of their Quarteredges

It is Also Agreed that the Subscriptions for the Minister, & Also for the Rent & Taxes, shall be Collected in the same manner & by the same persons, as Collect for the Poor.

Agreed that Bro^r. William Hooker be our Collecter for ye poor Minister & Rents,

Agreed that Bro^r. Hanks & Bro^r. Caleb Smith, be desired to use their good. Offices for us in regard to ye Land Tax wch this Church is Charged with

Agreed the parsons Sythe be referred to ye next Church meeting

Agreed that Bro^r. Deane's Acc^t. be referred to ye next Church meeting

Agreed that there be a Sermon in this place on ye 25. of Decem^r next to begin at 10. o'Clock a. also a Collection for the poor, at which time the preparation Sermon be ommitted for that time

Att. J. Fox [illegible] Wm. Mullens
Josiah Hollis Jr. Samuel Jones
much Dear Peter Hyatt John May
Nathl Gibson Robt Kimpton
Richd Cricket Nathl Hasted
John Hankin Richd Jackson
Thomas Gibbins
Thos Bennett

At a Church meeting Dec 20 1730

The parsons tithes refer'd to the next Church meeting

Bro^th Deans account refer'd to the next Church meeting

Messrs Mullines

Thomas Cox
John May
Robt Plimpton
Nath^ll Hasted.
Thomas Gibbins
Richd: Jackson
Tho: Wyatt
Joseph Hanks
Samuel Stonion
Nath^ll Gibson
John Hawkins
Will: Hook 31

At a Church Meeting Jany. 24. 1730/1

The parson's Tythe refer'd to the next Church Meeting

Bro. Dean's Acco^{t}. refer'd to the next Church Meeting

Agreed that the Collection for the Fund be consider'd at next Church Meeting.

Bro: Mullines
Thomas Cox
Robert Kimpton
Thomas Gibbins
Nath^{ll}. Hasted.
Richd. Jackson
Tho: Kingsneth
John Hawkins
Joseph Hands
Samuel Stanion
p dtcp Dea. J.
Nath^{ll} Gibson
John Cullom
Rich^{d}. Pickering
Mich Deane
Chris: Cox
Will: Hooker

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A Church Meeting 20 Febr. 1730 Die Dom?

Agreed That the Case of the Tylers be referred till next Ch: Meeting

and That Bro Deane's Acct be referd also he not being here

and That the Collection for the Friend be considered at the meeting

Agreed That Bro Mary Bro C Smith, & Abrah be desired to enquire what they can after those persons that break the windows of the meeting place

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John May } Churchwardens

Thomas Cox

Robert Kimpton

Nath: Hasled

Tho: Kingsnoth

Richd: Jackson

Henry Heywood

Samuell Barnes

Joseph Hunks

Nath: Gibson

Caleb Smith

Will: Hooker

At a Church Meeting 21 March 1730 Due Dor.

Agreed That the Coll^n of Bro Deeds Acc^d be referred to next Ch meeting

Bro Cadlew & Bro^d Smith with Br^o Felkes being appointed by ye Ch. to treat with ye Doctor of Civil Legate Ch. about ye Tythes of this place now report that they have agreed to pay for ye future two shillings & quarter instead of ye 6/10th & quarter demanded by Doct^r Bennett & [redacted] to ye present Vicar: & to pay him of ye Lady 16/ for ye 3 years he has been in possession of ye parish.

Bro^d Smith also may report that he has had several meetings with ye Assessors & Collectors of ye Land Tax about relieving us from that assessment and that they had relieved us from ye Tax (which is 20/ while ye Comm^rs of ye Commissioners) & for ye future they doe not designe to charge us.

It is agreed that Bro^d Deane be desired to repay Bro^d Smith [redacted] ye Charges he has, or may be at on ye Ch^s affairs, and that Bro^d Hawkes be considered for his loss he being Insolvable in ye Coll^n

Agreed That there be a Collection for ye Friend ye day 3 weeks both morning & afternoon & that notice be given next Lords Day after breaking bread.

Agreed That Susanah Harding be recommended into our Com^n by virtue of a Letter from ye Church at Berkhamstead dated 26 Feby 1730

Abra: Mullineux

Thomas Cox

John May

Robert Hampton

Richd Jackson

Nathl Hasted

Tho. Kingsmith

Henry Heywood

Joseph Hawks

Nathl Gibson

Josiah Holley

Will: Hooker

John Hawkins

Caleb Smith

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Coppy of Dorl^{r} Wm Nicholls for Tythe of the meeting place in Wild's Alley

putt on ye File

apr: 7. 1731

Received for a meeting house in Wilcots Alley called Mullins's meeting house ye summe of sixteen shillings for two years Tithe of ye same due at Lady Day last past

per me Will Nicolls

Vera Copia C S

At a Church Meeting the 18th Aprill 1731

Agreed That Bro[r] Deane be dorned to pay Br[o] Hauk Tenn Shillings six pence in consideration for his trouble & Loss of time about the Taxes of Cripplegate parish, in Conjunction with Bro[r] Collins Bro Folsted & Bro[r] Caleb Smith

Agreed That Bro Deane Acco[t] be referred to next Ch. meeting

Wm: Mullinex
Abra: Folsted.
Nath[ll]: Hasted.
Richd Jackson
Tho. Kingsmeth
Caleb Smith
peter Dadly
Nath[ll] Gibson
Tho. Wyatt
Chris: Fox
Will Hookes
Josiah Holley
John Hawkins
Samuell Barnes

At a Church Meeting May 23. 1731

Bro. Step. Wheeler making application to this Church for some relief, being reduc'd to be very poor.

It is agreed that his Case be referr'd to our Brethren the Deacons

M. Deane reports that Bro. Caleb Smith, paid into the Fund the 10th. Instant Fifteen pounds Six shillings & 2d. for this year for the use of the Church which entitles them to send three representatives

Agreed that a Committee be Chosen to examine Brother Hooker & Bro. Deane's accts that our Brethren the Deacons Bro. Smith, Gibbons, Stonier & Deane be the Committee for that purpose, against wch time Bro. Deane is desired to receive the Money of Bro. Francis for the Sermons disposed of

Bro. Deane reports that he has paid Bro. Smith & Bro. Stanko as ordered by the Church Meetings of March 21. & April 10. last

Agreed that Brethren be appointed to enquire into the Life & Character of Sam Kingstone & that Bro. Sam. Stonier & Bro. Gibbons be the Messengers. It is also agreed that the same Brethren be desired to Admonish ~~Gibbons~~ Cherry to make good his place.

Mich Deane
Tho: Saunders

Benj: Mullineer
Thomas Cox
John May
Thomas Gibbins
Richd Jackson
Tho. Kingsmill
Nath. Hasted.
John Cullord
Samuel Stanton
Peter Snell
Nath. Gibson
Henry Heywood.
John Hawkins

At a Church Meeting June. 20. 1731

Brother Deane Reports that he has received the Money for the Sermons of Mr Francis wch he disposed of

Bro Caleb Smith reports that they have examined Bro Stoockers Accot. & that he paid the Ballance to Bro. Deane being Two pounds five Shillings & 2d.

Bro. Caleb Smith Reports that they have examined Bro. Deane's Accot. & that after the above Summs being plac'd to the Credit of the Church's Accot. there remains due to Bro M Deane Two pounds two shill^gs & 11d.

Agreed that Bro. Stoocker be allowd Two shill^gs & 8. wch he has in hands for his Trouble in taking Care of the Subscriptions for the Rent & Tax & that for the Future one shilling in the pound for Collecting

Bro Stmer reports that himself & Bro. Gibbons went to the House of Samll Kingstone, but not meeting with him at Home, It's reserv'd to the next Church Meeting as also Bro Cheevy's he not being at Home.

Agreed that Bro. Hooker do pay the Money he receives for the Subscriptions for Rent & Taxes into the hands of Bro Deane.

Agreed that ~~Auditors~~ persons be appointed to audit the Trustees Accot. of Pierce John's Estate next Church Meeting

Chrij: Fox — Abra: Mullins
Mich Dean — Samuel Stmer
Caleb Smith — John May
Joseph Hanks — Robert Hall myster
Richd. Picker — Nath. Hasted
John Hawkins — Thos Kingsnoth
Richd. Jackson
Thos Wait

Att a Church Meeting July 18 1731

The Case of broth Kingston & Cherey be refer'd to the next Church meeting

agreed that brother Dean & Smith plimton Kingsnoth felstead Gibons with brother mulliner & the rest of the Deacons be a commitee to audit the accounts of peirce Johns estate Trustees

agreed that broth plimpton & broth Pettle with the bricklayer be Desired to Look into the Stale of this house to See wt repairs are wanting & to make report next Church meeting

Wm: Mulliner
Thomas Cox
John Gray
Robt Plimpton
Jno: Gibbins
Nath[l] Halsted.
Tho: Kingsnoth
Tho: Wyatt
Rich[d]. Pickering
Joseph Hanks
Will Hookey
John Hawkins

At a Church Meeting 22 Aug 1731

Mr Spencer from the Ch. at Barbreas desiring to know if we had or ought accept Sist. Eliz. Price the making application to that Ch. for to remove her com. to them

Agreed that answer be rel. to Mr Spencer that we are willing & if they think fitt they may receive her

The Mr Spencers send to Bro Kingston report that Bro. Gibbons they seen & admonished him to make good his place, he answered that he designed to make good his place but at present for some reasons to himself he could not.

The Case of Bro. Cherry offered to next Ch. meeting

The Case of Bro. Cutler accd. referred till next Ch. meeting

The Breth. appointed to looke into the necessary repairs of the meeting house: report that the 2 wooden trunck and very bad & the stone of the Leaden gutter is crackt about 9 inches Agreed that Bro Plimton & ye rest of the Brethren imployd in this affaire be desired to gett advised what is necessary & that they enquire Bro Basildine first: about the trunck that carrys the water of his house.

Agreed that Bro. Rob. Plimpton Nath. Hasted & Bro. Alex. Felsted be our Representatives to the Fund for this yeare

Alex. Mullineux
Robt Plimpton
Richard Jackson
Tho: Kingsnorth
Nath. Hasted.
John Callow
Joseph Hanks
Nath. Gibson
Rich. Pickering
Samuel Stringer
John Hawkins
Tho: Sanders

At a Church Meeting Sept. 19. 1731

Brother Cherry appeared & promis'd to make good his place

The Brethren appointed to Examine Brother Chittles Account report that have Examin'd it & find it regular & aright Application has been made of all My money that came to his hands to Sept. 12. 1731 amounting in the whole to Seventy five pounds,

Bro. Robert Plimpton reports that he has spoke to Capt. Jno. Bravidine who has promis'd to be his part towards the repairs of the Trunk of carrying of Water of his house

Wm. Mullines
Thomas Cox
Robt Plimpton
Tho. Gibbins
Nath. Hasted
Richd. Jackson
Thos. Kinginelth
Joseph Hanks
Tho: Wyatt
Wm Ladley
Nath Gibson
John Cherry
Josiah Holley
Nich Dean
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Att A Church meeting Oct 24 1731

agreed that the branch be Cleaned & put up against the next Lords Day

agred that brother Robert Plimpton be Desired to get the workmans bills against next Church meeting

agreed that Ann Sturly be warned into the neat Church meeting for a Scandalos Life & that Brother Robert Plimpton & Broth Thomas Gibbons be the messengers

agreed that Brother Dean be Desire to pay for a Load of Coalls & cleaning the Branch & bring in his accounts against the next Church meeting

Wm: Mullineux
Thomas Cox
John May
Robt Plimpton
Thomas Gibbins
Tho. Kingsbeth
Samuel Stonor-
pator Dadly
Joseph Hanks
Rich. Pickering
Nath Gibson
Sam. Podicoat
Will Hookey
John Hawkins

Att Church Meeting Nov. 21. 1731.

Agreed that the Workmen's Bills & Mr Deanes acct. be referd to the next Church Meeting

Agreed that the Report relating to Levine Study be referd to the next Church Meeting

Agreed that there be a Sermon at this Meeting on Decem. 25. next as also a Collection for the Poor after Sermon, & that ye preparation Sermon be omitted for that Month.

Wm: Mullins
John May
Nath. Hasted
Thomas Gibbins
Tho. Kingsmith
Caleb Smith
Joseph Hanks
Nich Deane

At a Church Meeting, Dec 19 1731

agreed y^t John Seaton be admited into this Comunion wth Church by Vertue of a Letter of recommendation from the Church all noriwich

y^t the workmans bills & bro^th Deans account be reffer^d to the next Church meeting

the Case of Ann Hurly be reffer^d to the next Church meeting & y^t bro^th Jackson wth the aforesaid bretheren or any one of them be Desired to warn her into this Church

Joseph Dean making application to this Church by a Letter for Some relief agreed that his Case be reffer^d to our bretheren the Deacons

Alex^r Mullineer
Thomas Cox
Robt Hampton
Thomas Gibbins
Nath^ll Hasted.
Tho: Kingsnoth
Richard Jackson
Joseph Hands.
Richd Pickering
Thos Wyatt
Will Hooker.
John Gould
John Hawkins

At a Church Meeting held 23.1731

Bro^r Deane reports that the Balance of his Acc^t. is One pound fourteen shill^s. & 4^d due to him

Agreed that Bro^r Deane do pay the Workmen's Bills vizt the Glaziers & Carpenters Bill & that the Cushion belonging to the Pulpit be mended & that he also pay for the mending it.

The Messengers report that they have enquired into the Life of Anne Sturley & find it to be a very wicked one, She having Unlawfully Cohabited with a man that She is not married to, & having a Lyving Husband Liveing. It is therefore agreed that this Church withdraw their Communion from her & Accordingly She is Withdrawn from

Eliz^a Anne Larkin having married a Roman who is a Roman Catholick has also Imbraced the Roman Tenets, It is agreed that She be warned in to the next Church Meeting & that Bro^r Jackson & Bro^r Hasted be the Messengers

Will Hookes
Abra: Tebbat
Nathl Hasted
John Hawkins
Mich Deane
Alex: Mullines
Thomas Cox
Doctor May
Robt Slimpton
Thomas Gibbins
Richd Jackson

Mt: M Church Meeting Feb 20 1731 85

The Case of Eliz Larking to be referd to the next Church meeting,

agreed that Sarah Stead be warned into the next Church meeting it being reported of Living a Scandalous Life & that bro May & bro Stoner be the messengers

Mor: Mulliner
Thomas Cox
John May
Robt Plimpton
Nath Hasted.
Abra: Tebbold.
Tho: Kingsnoth
Richd: Jackson
Saml M Stonick
Job Gibbs
Wll: Hooker
Willm Bond
John Hawkins

At a Church meeting march 19 1731

the Case of Sarah Stead to be refered to the next Church meeting

agreed y^t there be a ~~Collection~~ for the Fund the Second Lords Day in April & that notice be given to the members after next breaking bread

that broth^r mulliner & broth^r Stonier go to Sam^ll Kingston to admonish him to his Duty

that John Reynolds ~~Mark wright~~ John mitchaell & Humphry wright be admonished to there Duty & y^t broth^r may & bro^th Jackson be the messingers

that Eliz^th Larkin be warned in to the next Church meeting a Second time & to Let her know that if she Does not apear the next Church meeting the Chuch will withDraw from her & that broth may bro^th Jackson or bro^th hasted be the messingers

Wm: Mullineux
Thomas Cox
John Wray
Robt Crimpton
Abra: Peloted.
Tho: Kingsnath
Richd. Jackson
Willi: Hookes
Sam^ll Stonier
John Hawkins

(Att) A Church Meeting 23 Aprile 1732. Die Dom.

The Case of Sareh Steed referd to next Ch meeting

The Case of Sam Kingston referd to next Ch meeting

The Messengers sent to Bro Jn Reynolds report that he hath promised to make good his place

Bro Jn Mitchell also promises also to make good his place when his family affairs are in a better posture

Bro Humphrey Wright says he has [illegible] for answer to the Messages of this Ch. that he will consider of it. Agreed that we doe waite on him some time longer

A Letter from the generale Assembly inviting this Ch. to joyne with them in ye next generall Assembly there to be held in this place next whitsontide which being taken into consideration, & the question put, It is agreed that the Assembly have Liberty to meet in this place, But that it be referd till next Ch. meeting, the Consideration of our joyning with them

Eliz Larkin not appearing according to the last Sight given her concerning the admonition of the Ch. Therein [illegible] for a scandelous breach of the Gospele & embraced the popish Religion, It is agreed that she be excluded from & she is accordingly [illegible] with drawn from

Abra: Mullineux
Thomas Cox
John May
Tho: Kingsmith
Nath Hasted.
Richd Jackson
Rob Gibbs.
Samuel Stonier
John Hawkins
Will: Hookson
Caleb Smith

At a Church Meeting 21: May 1732 Die Dom.

Agreed That as to the Case of Sarah Steed that we doe not Ch meeting withdraw from her unles we receive some satisfaction about her by that time The Case of Sam Kingston referred till next Ch. meeting

The Ch. Reassumed the Consideration referred from last Ch meeting about our meeting & joyning with the Generall Assembly that is to meet in this place, Also a Copy of the Articles of Union of the Assembly being read & debated, & the Question being severally putt whether this Ch. will joyne with the Assembly or not joyne it passed nem Contr. not to joyne with them this year.

The Representatives of this Ch. to the Baptist Fund report That Bro Plinter paid into the said Fund Seventeen pounds seven Shill: & for this Ch..

Abra: Mullinex
John May
Thomas Cox
Robt Plimpton
Nath: Hasted.
Richd. Jackson
Samuel Stories
John Hawkins
Nath Gibson
Caleb Smith

At a Church Meeting June 18 1732

agreed That having no Sattisfaction from Sarah Steed being reported of a Scandalous life & Long neglect of Duty it is aged y^t this Church Do withdraw from her & accordingly She is withdrawn from

The Case of Sam^ll Kingston refered to the next Church meeting

Sister^x agreed That Sis^r ^x plowman be received into Communion with this Church by Vertue of a Letter of recommendation from the Church at norwitch

agreed That broth bolt with his two Daughters & yeats & Shovell be admonished to there Duty & y^t bro^th may & broth Gibson bro^th robert plimpton & bro^th Hasted be Desired to be the messengers

Wm: Mullineux
Thomas Cox
John may
Nath Hasted.
Richd Jackson
Nath^ll Gibson
Christ: Fox
Benj: Fox
Will- Hookey
John Hawkins

At a Church Meeting

July 23. 1732

Mr Peter Griffin & Mr James Wyld, having represented to us, the Rude Treatment they have met with from a Spirited Mob on account of their being Christian's that dissent from ye Establish'd Church, at their Lawful assembling themselves together to Worship God according to the Dictates of their own Consciences, & that ye Dissenters have in General espous'd their Cause, so far as to stand by em to procure gain reparation for Damages they have already received, & shew a readiness to stand by em in ye common Cause of Liberty: & they being destitute of a house to Worship ye Supreme being in according to their own Consciences & having already rec^d some handsome presents for the carrying on this good Work, the Question being put whether this Church would assist ye above Christians, by the request of their Brethren now at Ludlow in Shropshire

It is agreed Nemine Contradicente that there be a public Collection for em next Lords day

Bro^r Robt Plympton reports that he has admonish'd Sister Yeates to her Duty & that She has promis'd to make good her place, & has also admonish'd Sr Shovel who has promis'd to make good her place one a Day, & Bro^r. Gibson Stretch reports that he has Admonish'd Bro^r Bolt to make good his place & rec^d an answer, that he would first speak to the Bro^r. Mullenier

Sis^r Mary Harvey now Smith sent for a Letter of Recommendation to remove her Communion to ye Church at Hull und^r ye Care of Bro^r Braithwaite, & there being no Objection to her Character

It is agreed that there be a Lett^r of Recommendation & that we desire Bro^r Mullenier to draw one up against next Church Meeting

The Church Meeting of July 22

Continued

Agreed that the case of Samuel Kingstone
be referred to next Church Meeting

Wm: Mullener
Thomas Cox
Robt Plympton
Nath: Hasted,
Tho: Kingsnoth
Richard Jackson
Nath: Gibson
Chr: F. OC
John Hawkins
Caleb Smith
Mich Deane

At a Church Meeting 20 August 1732

Bro^r Caleb Smith reported that he was requested by our Ludlow friends Dr Griffith & Ja Boyne in their name to return their hearty thanks to the Church & Bro^d Mullins for their very great kindness in making a Collection for them which they made them they could expect from this Ch. and the manner of doing of it in soe unanimous & hearty a manner added much to their comfort and satisfaction

The Case of Bro Sam Kingston referred to the Ch. meeting not

Wm: Mullins
Robt Plimpton
Richard Jackson
Tho. Illingsworth
Matth Hasted.
Richd Pickering
prom Daily
Christ Fox
Will. Hooker
Caleb Smith

A Church Meeting

Sp. 17. 1732

Bro. Mullinex reports y^t he has been wth Saml Livingston, &c, and monish him, & it is agreed that ye further Consideration be ~~The Case of Saml Livingston~~, &c, rec^d to ye next Church Meeting.

Agreed that Bro. Robert Plympton, Bro. Caleb Smith & Bro. Isaac Spratt be our Representatives for the Stand for the Year Ensuing

Bro. John Chittle one of the Trustees of Capt. Pierce John's Estate being desirous to have his Acco^t audited & is Agreed that Bro. Caleb Smith & Bro. Deane together with the rest Brethren ye Deacons, be desir'd to audit ye same

Attest: Mullinex

Thomas Cox

John Lilly

Nath^ll Hasted.

Robt Plimpton

Richard Jackson

Tho: Kingsnoth

Caleb Smith

Nath^ll Gibson

Richd Pickering

John Hawkins

Will. Hooker

Att a Church meeting Oct 22 1732

the Case of Sam Kingston be referd to the next Church meeting

the Auditing of broth John Chettle Accounts be referd to the next Church meeting

Bro th Kingsnorth reports y the Churches Desire to appoint 2 persons to Audit the accounts of peirc Johns estate with the representives of other churches agreed y brother Abra Felstead & bro Caleb Smith be the persons appointed & to give advize in a Difficult Case y may Come before them

Wm: Mullinex
Thomas Cox
John Tilley
Robt Plimpton
Nath: Hasted
Tho: Kingsnoth
Richd: Jackson
Peter Dadly
Nath Gibson
Richd Pickering
John Hawkins

At a Church Meeting Nov 19 1732

The Deacons report that they have Audited broth John Chettles account relating to peirce Johns estate & find it right to the time of bro^th Souths resigning his trusteeship

The Case of the Generall Audit be refer^d to the next Church meeting,

aggreed that the branch be Cleaned & put up against the next Lords Day

that there be a Sermond preached on the Day Called Christmas Day & that a Collection for the poor be made att the Conclusion

that the Hall be Cleaned & y^t the Care of it be refered to our bro^th Hasted

Abra: Mullinex
John may
Abra: Telsted.
Robt Plimpton
Nath^ll Hasted.
Richard Jackson
Tho: Kingsnoth
Peter Dudley.
Samuel Stonier
Richd Pickering
Will: Hooker
John Hawkins

Whereas Richardt Price late of Deceased did by her last Will & Testament bequeath unto this Congregation the Sum of Twenty pounds for the use of the poore of this Congregation by two equall payments (viz) 10li the last year to be distributed to the said poore & 10li this year and appointed Mr Abra. Mullineux. Caleb Smith & Richard Deane to be her Trustees of the said Charity, and as the first term pound was distributed the last winter, the deed thereof is inrolled in the Book of deeds now in the hand of Richard Deane accordg to the list given in to the Trustees by the Deacons of this Church. to be distributed in money & Coles to the 20 persons undermitten

Frances Long	0	10	—
Ruth Hoare	0	10	—
Mary Clark	0	10	—
Ellen Laurence	0	10	—
Elizab. Doe	0	10	—
Mary Deele	0	10	—
Rob[t] Baker	0	10	—
Hanah Lodge	0	10	—
Hanah Sargeaul	0	10	—
Mary Griffith	0	10	—
	3	4	—

Sarah Pollard	0	10	—
Sarah Burston	0	10	—
Fran. Cordery	0	10	—
Eliz[a] Walker	0	10	—
Jane Stroop	0	10	—
Jn[o] Hamly	0	10	—
Mary Fouley	0	10	—
Nath. Gibson	0	10	—
Mary Phipps	0	10	—
Wid[o] Stridy	0	10	—
	3	4	—

Wee whose names are underwritten doe testifie that the second & last payment of the above Charity was distributed to the above object, & that the Trustees aforesd have faithfully & truly discharged their Trust according to the tenor of the Bond as witness our hands this 17th day of Decem[r] 1732

John Gray
Robt Plimpton
Abra. Felsted.
Nath[l]. Hasted.
Richd. Jackson
Samuel Stonier

At the Church Meeting on Decem.r 10th 24. 1783

Pursuant to an Agreement at a Meeting of the Dissenters
in Silver Street to Chose two person's of every Congegation
of the Dissenters of the 3 Denominations to hear
the Report of the Committee, Received a Letter from
our Bro.r Mr. Joseph Burroughs to desire us to choose two
person's to be our Representatives & Accordingly We
proceed to the Choice

Agreed that Isaac Spratt & Michael Deane be
our Representatives to y.e said Committee, It is also
Agreed that our said Representatives have full power
to Act for our Church to the best of their power in the
said Affair.

Agreed that Abraham Clarke be warned to our
next Church Meeting, to answer for the Seperating
himself from his Wife & Children & that Bro.r
Jackson & Bro.r Rob.t Plympton be the Messengers

The Report of the General Audit of Peace, Tithes &c. to be
brought to the next Church Meeting

Caleb Smith. Nath.l Hasted. Geo.r Mullner
Samuel Skinner. Rich.d Pickering. Thomas Cox
Benj: Fox. John Hawkins. Joshua Gray
Wild Hooker. Nath.l Gibson. Robt Plimpton
W.m Dadly. Tho. Kingsnorth
Rich.d Jackson

All a Church Meeting Jan 21: 173 2/3

Abra^m Clark Sis appear & Sis acknowledge his fault in Leaving his wife & Children and after Som rebuke he promising amendment was Susmis^d without being forbid of his Communion

Ann Lawrence making Aplication to this Church for Some relief her Case is refered to our bretheren the Deacons

the report of the Generall Audit of peirce John estate be reffer^d to the next Church meeting

Agreed y^t John Mitchell & Humphry wright be warned into the next Church meeting for Long neglect of Duty & y^t bro^th may & bro^th Hasted be the mesingers

Sam: Mulliner
~~John~~ may
Nath^ll Hasted.
Robert Plimpton
Tho: Kingsnath
Richd: Jackson
peter Dadly
Nath^ll Gibson
Nath^ll Smith
Josiah Holley
John Hawkins

Att a Church Meeting Feb: 18: 1732 3

John Mitchaell did appear & acknowledged his fault & promis amendment the Church after Some admonition to his Duty ~~promised to amend~~ aggreed to waite on him Some time Longer

aggre^d that Stumpe wright be warned into the next Church ~~meeting~~ for Long neglect of Duty & Contempt of the Church & to Lett him know y^t If he Does nott appear the Church will then withdraw from him & y^t broth^r Jackson & broth^r Stonier be the messingers

GUILDHALL LIBRARY LONDON

Wm: Mullinex
Thomas Cox
John May
Nath^ll Hasted.
Abra: Telsted.
Richd Jackson
Samuel Stonier
Nath^ll Gibson
Nath^ll Smith
Will: Hooker.
John Hawkins

At a Church Meeting 18 March 1732

The Mr Springer sent to warn'd in Bro Hunn Knight, report that he dorder the Ch to stay a little longer on him but he not appearing & the Ch being further informed by his endeavouring the Popish religion, his life & very Immorale Cursing & swearing & Drunkeness & the Ch taking his case into strict consideration pursuant to the agreement of last Ch meeting agreed Monsr. Coe to withdraw from him & he is accordingly withdrawn from

Agreed that the day 3 week there be a Collection for the Poor & that Bro Mullins be desired to give notice next Lords day after breaking of Bread

Agreed that Bro Jno Walker be admonished to his Duty & that Bro Jno Avery & Bro Harding be the Messengers

Sister Elizth Dew making application to the Ch. for Relief that she for a weekly supply. It is agreed that her Case be referred to the Deacons

Wm: Mullins
Thomas Coe
John. May
Nath: Hasted
Tho: Kingsnath
Richd: Jackson
Peter Dadly
John Hawkins
Samuel Stonier
Chrif: Fox
Nath Gibson
Rich. Pickering
Nath: Smith
Caleb Smith

Malbunch Meeting April 22, 1733

The case of Bro. John Walker is referr'd to the next Church Meeting y Messengers not meeting with him

Wm: Mullines
Thomas Cox
John May
Robt Kimpton
Tho. Kingsmith
Richard Jackson
Samuel Stanion
Peter Daffy
Nath[ll] Gibson
John Hawkins
Rich[d] Pickering
Mich Sing

At a Church Meting

May 20 1733

Bro John May reports that he has been with Bro. John Walker to admonish him to his duty, & that he has promisd to make good his place, & thanks the Church for their care of him

Agreed that Francis Stanton now Raper have a Letter of Recommendation upon application) as soon the place of her Residence is fixd, being determined to live in the Country;

Agreed that Abraham Francis have Twenty Shillings for his trouble in Cleaning the Gutters for 4 years past to midsummer next, & that Bro Deane be desired to pay him

Agreed that Abraham Francis be desired to get the Tyleing of this meeting mended

Attest: Mullines
Thomas Cox
John May
Nath[l] Hasted.
Richd: Jackson
Samuel Stonion
Nath[l] Gibson
John Hawkins
Rich: Pickering
Nath: Smith
Chris: Fox
Mich Dunn

At a Church Meeting 17th June 1733. Die Dom°

Agreed that there be a Comittee apoynted to examine what repairs is nec[illegible]ry for the Meetinghouse as alsoe the policy of Assurance from fire and report the mind of the Trustees for the Meeting house and what elss is necessary

Bro[r] C Smith reported that the Collection p[r]ito the Fund for the Ch. being 16. 17. 8

Mr. Mullins
Thomas Cox
Nath[ll] Hasted
Richd Jackson
Tho. Kingsnoth
Prov Sadly
Will: Hooker
Caleb Smith

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(AH) A Church Meeting 22 July 1733. Die Dom:

Agreed That Susanah Elly, by virtue of a Letter of Recommendation from the Ch: at Lincoln be admitted to Transient Communion with this Ch:

The Case of the Repairs of the Meeting house and of the Policy of Insurance as also of the Names of the Trustees for this Ch: be referred till next Ch: meeting

Bro: Mullins reported that the Fund for poor Ministers goes on beyond expectation.

Agreed that Bro: Mullines be joined next Lords day after breaking bread to acquaint the people of the same for their encouragment

Bro: C Smith moved this Ch: that the old Ch: Books may be examined about an agreem: with the Ch: at Barbican about an agreem: that was made by him & some other persons for a Liberty of the use of their Library at prop: & reasonable hours

Attest: Mulliner

John May
Nath: Hasted
Richd Jackson
Josepth Hanks
Nath: Gibson
Richd Pickering
John Hawkins
Sam: Barnes
Chris: Fox
Caleb Smith

At a Church Meeting the 4th Augst ye 19: 1783.

Agreed y^{t} Bro: Jno: Lupton's Case of Aplycation for Relief
to ye Church be Refer'd to ye Deacons - - - - - - - - - -

The Case of ye Repaires of this Church Refered.

Bro Mullender has Examed ye Polisies of Insurance & finds
there is One Year to Come Next September - - - - - -

And wth Regard to ye Names of ye Trustees of ye Lease
they Are as follow's, Jno Pratt
Dead Jno: Keeling.
Jno: Tittle
Dead Nathl: Bowls.
Saml Stonier
Dead Thos: French.
Jno: Longdon
Thos: Corderoy
Nathl: Gibson
Wm Plimpton
Jos^{h}: South.

The Agreement of Inspecting into ye Old Church Book
about ye Barbidan Liberty is Refer'd - - - -

Obia: Mullineux
Robt Plimpton
Tho: Kingsmith
Richard Jackson
Nathl Gibson
Nathl Smith
Chris: Fox
Nathl Hasted
Samuel Sowers -

At a Church Meeting Sept 23. 1733

Agreed that by Virtue of a Letter of Recommendation from the Church at Canterbury under the Pastoral Care of our Bro: Searles Jarman We do receive our Bro: Thomas Ellman (by them well Recommended) Into full Communion with us

The Case of the Repares of the Church is referd to next Church Meeting

The Case of Inspecting the Old Church Book, relating to the Barbican Library is referd to the next Church Meeting

Agreed that Bro: Robert Plympton, Caleb Smith and Michael Deane be our Representatives for the Fund for the year Ensuing

Agreed that this Church do Joyn with the rest of the Churches in a Day of Fasting & prayer to be kept at Bro: Randalls In Virginia Street October 10. next, to begin at 10 o'Clock In the Morning

a Letter being Read to request our Assistance for the Building a Meeting at Great Yarmouth in Norfolk Is Referd to the next Church Meeting

Agreed there be a Load of Coals ordered in for the use of the Meeting

Wm: Mullner
Samuel Snow
Nath[l] Gibson
Thomas Cox
Rich[d] Pickerin
John May
John Hawkins
Robt Plimpton
Will: Hooker
Nath[l] Hasted.
Jno. Kingsnoth
Richd. Jackson
Joseph Hanks

At a Church Meeting Octr 21. 1733

Sister Elz Tomlson making application to this Church for some releif her case is refer'd to the Deacons

agreed ytt the windows of this meeting be mended & ytt ye rest of the repairs be refer'd till the winter season is over

the case of the of the bulding a meeting at Great yarmouth is refer'd

~~Inspecting the~~ book

the Last Church having bin inspected into relating to the barbycan Libary the agreement of ytt Case may be found page 134 to which we refer

agreed ytt the branch be Cleand & put up

Wm: Mullineux
John Tilly
Robt Plimpton
Nath: Hasted.
Richd Jackson
Tho: Kingsmith
Samuel Stanton
Richd Pickering
Nath ll Gibson
Nathl Smith
John Hawkins
Will: Hookins

Att a Church meeting Nov 18 1733

agreed y^t a Comittee be appointed to Look into the true State of the Church & to audit bro Deans account & it is agreed y^t bro Caleb Smith bro robert plimpton & bro Abr felstead be the persons to act in this affair

the yarmouth Letter refered

Abra: Mulliner
Thomas Cox
John May
Robt Plimpton
Nathl: Hasted..
Richd. Jackson
Tho: Kingsnth
Samuel Stonion
Josiah Holley
John Roberts
John Hawkins
Will Hooker

At a Church Meeting Decem^r. 23. 1733

Brother Caleb Smith reports that he & Brother Abr. Felsted have Admitted Bro. Mich Deane's Acct. & that the Ballance due him is Six pounds five shillings & nine pence

Agreed the Gutters of the Meeting be mended & Bro. Rob. Plimpton & Bro. Hasted be desired to take care to have it done

Bro Mullines received a Letter from ye Moderator & Secretary of the protestant dissenters of the three denominations to recommend the Choosing of two Deputies for the year Ensuing, for the management of the Civil affairs relating to the protestant Dissenters

It is therefore Agreed that two Deputies be accordingly Chosen

Agreed that Brother Caleb Smith & Michael Deane be the Deputies for the year Ensuing

Agreed that Samuel Kingstone be warn'd to the next Church Meeting for long neglect of Duty & disorderly Living. & Bro. Rob. Plympton & Bro. Samuel Stonier be the Messengers

John. Mullener
Samuel Stonier
Rich. Pickering
Nath. Gibson
Thomas Cox
Robert Plimpton
Abra. Felsted.
Nath. Hasted.
John Hawkins
Mich Deane
Richd. Jackson
Tho. Kingstone
Caleb Smith

At a Church Meeting Jan: 20: 1734

Broth[r] Sam[l] Kingston appearing Did acknowledge his faults & promised an amendment & to make good his place for the future

In hearing

Mr. Mullner
Thomas Cox
John May
Robt Plimpton
Nath[l]. Hasled
Richd: Jackson
Tho. Kingsnath
Samuel Stanion
Sam[l] Keeling
Nath[ll] Gibson
John Hawkins

At a Church Meeting March 24 1733

Agreed that there be a Collection for the Fund as Usual
& that Brother Mullener do give notice next Lords day
that it will Begin this day three Weeks & continued till
Compleated.

Sister Elizth Wallis Intending to Reside in Lestershire
desires a Letter of Recommendation to the Church
Under the care of our Brother Thomas Davye, It is
Agreed the [illegible] said Letter of Recommendation
be given her

Agreed the Branch be taken down

Wm: Mullener
Thomas Cox
John Gray
Robt Stimpson
Nath: Hasted.
Richd. Jackson
Tho: Kingsnoth
James Slonier
Peter Jadley
Nath[l] Gibson
John Hawkins
Mich Dunn

At a Church Meeting 19 May 1734

Sister Griffith Widow making aplication to the Ch. for relief
It is Agreed that her Case be ~~[illegible]~~ referred to ye Deacons

Agreed that 2 Brethren be desired to discourse Bro^r Tho Tripp & his wife & admonish them to their Duty & make report at next Ch. meeting & that Bro^r Storer & Bro^r Benton be the Messengers.

Agreed that ye said Brethr^n be desired to admonish Sister Ann Greenhill to her Duty

Agreed that next Ch. meeting we doe consider further about disorderly members

Agreed that Bro^r Rob Plimpton be desired to speak to Bro^r Bassindine about ye Gutter

And that we doe next Ch. Meeting consider what is proper to be done about Ensuring the Meeting house

Wm. Mullener
John May
Nath^ll Hasted
Robt Plimpton
Tho: Kingsmith
Samuell Storer
Joseph Hanks
Nath^ll Gibson
Saml Keeling
Josiah Holley
Nath^ll Smith
Christ. Fox
Caleb Smith
John Hawkins

At a Church Meeting 23 June: 1734

The Mrs sorig^d^ sent to admonish Bro^r^ Tho Trigg & his wife report that they had been with them. that as to the Man he seems to make light of their admonition, Butt as to his wife the allegd^g^ her Lameness and Disability, and that it is her grife she cannot come.

The Mrs sorig^d^ sent to Sist^r^ Ann Greenhill report that she rec^d^ the Admonition very kindly from the Ch. and that she will endeavor to make good her place.

Bro^r^ Robt Plimton reported that he had spoke to Bro^r^ Bayliffe about ye gutter & that he had left it to the said Bro^r^ Plimton to doe as he thinks fitt in itt.

Agreed that Bro^r^ Rob Plimton be dirrected to gett it amended and the Penthouse

Agreed That Bro^r^ Jno Pratt & Bro Stonier be dirrected to take Care of Ensuring the Meeting house which will end 12th of Septem^r^ next

Bro^r^ Robt Plimton reported that he will Represent to the Ch. had paid into the Fund the Collection made by the Ch. The Sum of 17:13 6 and that there had been Distributed by the Managers of the Fund the Summ of One Hundred & Fourty pounds for the last yeare

Agreed that Bro Deane & Bro Adv Fellows & Bro Jackson be dirrected to be our Representative to the Fund for the yeare ensuing

Agreed That the Case of the Defaulters be referrd till next Ch Meeting

Wm: Mullins
John May
Nath^ll^ Hasted.
Robt Plimpton
Richd Jackson
p d p^r^ Sadly
Joseph Hanks
Thomas Payton
Thos Smith
Nath^ll^ Smith
Richd Pickering
John Hawkins
Pet^r^ Tugson
Caleb Smith

At a Church Meeting July ye 2d 1734.

Agreed yt Jn.o Mitchell be Summon to ye Next Church Meeting to Shew Cause why he may not be withdrawn from for his disorderly Life and neglect of Duty, Agreed ye Bro.: Robt. Plimpton & Bro. May be ye Messingers. & Likewise to Admonish Bro Jn.o Walker to his Duty.

Agreed yt Edw.d Bolling & his Wife be Admonish'd to make God place in this Church, & yt Bro Sam.l Keeling & Bro Alex.r Howard be ye Messingers.

Wm.: Mulliner
John May
Robt Plimpton
Abra.: Olsted.
Richd Jackson
Thos. Kingsnath
Saml. Bonnier.
Nath Hasted.
Saml Keeling
Nath.l Smith
Peter Judson

Att a Church Meeting Aug 18 1734

The mesengers Sent to John Walker make report
that he promises to make Good his place

the Case of Edward boling & his wife be refer'd to the next
Church meeting

John Mitchell not appearing according to his promise
agreed y^t his Case be refer'd

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Wm: Mullineux
John Wray
Nath^ll Hasled.
Richd Jackson
Tho: Kingsmith
Joseph Hanks
Nath^ll Gibson
John Clarke
Willm Abbott
Richd Pickering
Nathl Smith
Peter Tudgson
John Hawkins

At a Church Meeting 22d Sepr 1734

Agreed that Bro Keeling & Bro Howard be desired to endeavor to see Bro Bayaling & admonish him to his Duty

Agreed That Bro Rob Plimton & Bro Nathan Smith be desire to goe eqains to Jno Mitchele & let him know that if he doe not appear at next Ch. Meeting that the Ch. will withdraw from him

The Messengr sent to admonish Bro Jno Walker make report that he promises to make good his place

Bro Stoner reported that he & Wm Pratt had renewed the Insurance from Fire for the Meeting house & pd the Ballance which is 1:14:2

Agreed that Bro Hasting be desired to get Wm Cooper the Glazier to mend the Windows of the Meeting house

Wm: Mullinex
Robt Plimpton
Nathl Hasted.
Richd: Jackson
Tho: Kingsnorth
Ebel Smith
Samuel Stonion
Saml Keeling
Thos Smith
Richd. Pickering
Nathll Gibson
John Clarke
Will: Abbott
Nath: Smith
Will Hooker

At a Church Meeting oct 20. 1734

The Case of boiling referd

John Mitchell Did appear & acknowledg his fault & promised amendment on which the Church agreed after Some admonition to him agreed to waite on him Some time Longer

the widow freeman Late of Dunnings ally making applycation for comunion with this Church She being recomended by our bro^th Plumpton & bro^th hasted upon which agreed y^t She be rec^d in comunion wth this Church

Nath^ll Quinton Desiring a Letter of recomindation to the Church at Silchelling in Sussex agreed y^t a Letter be Sent

mary addcock making applycation for comunion with this Church agreed y^t we Send messingers to the Church at Hart Street relating her membership & y bro^th Stonier & bro^th Gibson be the messingers

aggred y^t the branch be Cleand & putt up

The Case of the windows reffered

Wm: Mullinex
Robt Plimpton
Nath^ll Hasted.
Richd Jackson
Tho: Kingsmith
Samuell Slorton
Nath^ll Gibson
Richd. Pickering
Nath^ll Smith
Sam^ll Keeling
John Hawkins

At a Church Meeting 17 Novem^r 1734 Die Dom^o

Bro John Hamley making aplicatio to this Church for Relief weekly: It is Agreed that it be left to the Deacons

The Case of Beyling referrd till next Ch. meeting

The Messenger sent to the Ch. at Hart street report that they would speak with Mary Adcock & then give them an answer

Agreed that there be a Sermon here on Thursday as usuall and a Collection for the poore, and that the Preparation Sermon be suspended for that weeke

Agreed that Bro Mayo & Bro^r Robt Plimton be desired to goe to Tho Corderoy & admonish him to make good his place in this Church

Abra: Mullines.
John may
Robt Plimpton
Nath^ll Hasted.
Richd Jackson
Nath^ll Gibson
Thos Smith
Richd Pickering
John Hawkins
Nathl Smith

At a Church Meeting Dec 22. 1794

The Case of Mary Adcock is referr'd to next Church Meeting,

a Letter of recommendation from the Church meeting at Berkhamsted in Hertfordshire, recommending Mary Treacher to our Communion

It is agreed that we receive her into communion with this Church by Virtue of the said Letter

Bro. Mullener read two Letters one from Samuel Holden from Carpenters Hall dated Nov 25. 1794 desiring the return of the Deputies to him the 2nd Wednesday in January & the other from James Winter from Stepney dat. Nov. 23. 1794 recommending the Choice of two Deputies to be returned to him, on or before the 1. of January next

Agreed that two Deputies be Chosen for the Year Ensuing, to meet the rest of the Deputies of the protestant dissenters of the three Denominations.

Agreed that Bro. Caleb Smith & Michael Deane be the Deputies for the Year Ensuing, to act for the Church to the best of their power in y said affair

Wm. Mullener
John Ivey
Robt Kimpton
Nath. Hasled
Richd Jackson
Tho. Kingsnath
Richd Pickering
Nath. Smith
John Hawkins
Joseph Daly
Will. Hooker

At A Church Meeting 20 Jany 1734 Die Dom^{o}

William Hill a member at ye Ch. in ye Park Southwark
desiring to remove his Commun to this Ch. for his conviency

Agreed That Bro^{d} Stanier & Bro^{d} Keeling be desired to goe to the said Ch
to know if they ought to receive him as to life & Conversation

A Letter from ye Ch at Chichester under ye Care of Bro Rich
Drinkwater recommending Martha Gradidge as a member of
that Ch. to us for her Commun

Agreed that we doe receive her into our Com^{n} by virtue of the
said Letter

Agreed that Mary Adcock's Case be referred to next Ch. meeting

Abra: Mullineux
Robt Hampton
Nath^{ll} Hasted.
Abra: Tebbed.
Richd Jackson
p order & by
Samuel Stanier
John Hawkins
Richd Pickering
Will: Hooker
Caleb Smells

A Church Meeting February 16. 1734.5

Brother Stonier Reports, that he had a very satisfactory account from the Church in the Park Southwarke of the orderly Life & good Conversation of William Still

Agreed that We receive ye said Bro. Wm. Still into Communion with this Church.

Sister Hannah Sargeant making application for Relief weekly

It is agreed that her Case be referr'd to ye Deacons

Agreed that Mary Adeweh's case be referr'd to the next Church Meeting

Brother Joseph Askew appearing & being sensible of his Folly, & heartily sorry for his Faults, resolves thro' the Assistance of God to Walk Agreeable to the Rules of the Gospel, & being desireous to be again restored to his Communion with this Church

It is agreed that any Enquiry be made into his present Life & Behaviour & that Brother Stonier & Bro^r. Hawkins be desired to make ye Enquiry & make report next Church Meeting

Samuel Stonier
Mich^l Dean
Nath^ll Gibson
John Hawkins
Richd Pickering
Willm Hooker
Abra: Mullineux
Robt Kimpton
Nathl Hasled.
Abra. Fielded.
Tho Kingsmith
Richd Jackson
Daniel Benoust

At a Church Meeting March 23. 1754

Agreed that Mary Weeks's Case be referred to the next Church Meeting.

The Messengers appointed for the Case of Bro Joseph Askew, not being able to make their Report, It is referred to the next Church Meeting

Agreed that this day 3 weeks there be a Collection for the Poor Fund as Usual, & that Bros. Mullineux be desired to give Notice next Lords day after Breaking of Bread

Agreed that Bro: Diane do pray for us during the Policy of this Meeting, as Also the Glaziers Bill

Wm: Mullineux
Robt Plimpton
Nath.l Hasted
Richd Jackson
Samuel Stiner
Samuell Barnes
John Hawkins
Nath.l Gibson
Rich.d Pickering
Tho.s Smith
Peter Hooker
Nich Dean

Att a Church Meeting 20 Aprile 1735

The Mr Jeng[s] sent to the Ch: att Hart street about Sist[r] Mary Adcock having
reed a full satisfaction from both the Minister & Deacon & they having noe regular
Ch. meetings
Itt is agreed that we doe receive her into our Com[n]
The Case of Jos. Askew referred till next Ch meeting
Agreed that Sam Kinaston be summond to our next Ch. meeting and that
Bro. Rob[t] Plinton & Bro Keeling be the Mr Jeng[s]: & let him knew that if he
doe not appeare to give the Ch. Satisfaction that they will withd raw from him

Alex: Mulliner
John Gray
Nath[ll] Hasted.
Richard Jackson
Tho. Kingsmith
Samuell Stonard
Nath[ll] Gibson
Sam[l]. Keeling
John Hawkins
Caleb Smith
Will Hookey

At a Church Meting May 18. 1735

The Case of Joseph Ashton referd to next Ch Meeting

Bro. Michael Deane reports that he paid into ch. Fund the Collection made by this Church being Seventeen Pounds fourteen shillings & 2d. w[hi]ch was distributed to poor Ministers £17..14 & the Consideration of what was to be distributed to the Students was referd to the next Board

The Messenger report that Brs. Thō. Cordery has promised to make good his place

Agreed that Thomas Trigg & his Wife be summond to our next Church Meeting, to give the Church satisfaction for neglect of duty & a Scandalous Report of Ill Behavior, & that Brother May & Brs. Jackson be the Messengers

Agreed that Brs. John Sherry & Mary Whitaker be admonished to make good their places & Bro May & Bro Jackson be the Messengers

The case of Samuel Kingston referd to next Church Meeting

Agreed the Branch be taken down

Caleb Smith
John Hawkins
Mich Deane
Abra: Mulliner
John May
Robt Kimpton
Nath.l Hasted.
Richd Jackson
Jam.s Keeling
Joseph Hanks
Nath.l Gibson

AH A Church Meeting 22 June 1735. Die Dom.

The Case of Jos. Askew reffer'd till next Ch. meeting

The Case of Tho Trigg & his wife reffer'd till next Ch meeting

The Mosengr sent to admonish Mary Witaker report that she will doe her endeavour to make good her place but sound after wn in the family at present prevent her &c

The Mosengr sent to admonish Jno Cherry make report that they had been at his house but could not meet with him But Br Hauk had seen him & that he had promised to make good his place

The Mosengr sent to Sam: Kingston having forgott to acquaint him (that the Ch. would withdraw from him) It is agreed that they be desired to acquaint him with the Resolution of the Ch. to withdraw from him unless he give the Ch. satisfaction

Agreed That Bro: Hauk & Bro: Gibbson be desired to admonish Mary Robison to her duty & to warn her into ye Ch. in order if they think fitt

Agreed That Bro: Chittle & Bro: Kingsnorth be desired to speak to the other Trustees of Mr Peires Johns Estate to call the Representatives of the other Children to audit Acco: of said Trust

Alex: Mulliner
Robt Plimpton
Nath: Hasted.
Richd Jackson
Tho: Kingsnorth
Joseph Hanks
Samuel Stonier
Nath: Gibson
Will Hooker
John Hawkins
Caleb Smith

(Att) A Church Meeting 20 July 1735 Die Dom

The Cas[e] of Jos Askew referrd till next Ch. meeting

The Cas[e] of Tho Trigg referrd till next Ch meeting

The Cas[e] of Mary Robison referrd till next Ch meeting mille
meadiat[e]ly if Bro[r] Hauk, calld by himself or with any other
Bro[r] if they think fitt to warn her into to our next Ch. meeting

Whereas the person adjoyning to y[e] back part of our yard hee
without our leave or consent made a window into y[e] yard

Agreed that Bro[r] C Smith & Bro: Hawkins & Abraham be joind
to goe and inquire into the reason of itt and make report at
next Ch. meeting

Abra: Mulliner
Robt Plimpton
Abra: Teloke
Nath[a] Hasted.
Richd Jackson
Tho: Kingsnoth
Joseph Hanks
Nath[l] Gibson
John Hawkins

At a Church Meeting 24 August 1735. Die Dom

The Cass of Jos Askew referrd till next Ch meeting the Messengers not being ready to make their report

Whereas Sist Sarah Dorvole late a member of this Ch at Kathrin Wheele Alley doth desire to be admitted a member of this Ch.

Agreed that Bro Halsted & Bro Hauk be desired to make what enquiry they can of her Character

Agreed that Esther Bueher be rec'd into our Comunion by virtue of a Letter of Recomendation from y Ch. at Norwitch under the Care of Bro Ives

Agreed that there be a Collection notified from y Pulpitt by Bro Mullinr next Lords day for the Relief of Richard & Sarah Holden's Burnt out by fire in Long Acre,

The Cass of Mary Robison referrd till next Ch meeting she not coming according to her promis

The Messengers send to y person that has made a void into the yard in y meeting house report that they are not yet ready to make their report,

The Messengers send to Bro Sam Kingston report that he will not come to and the Ch. doe what they will,

Agreed that for his disorderly & scandalous Life & he that we doe withdraw from him & he is accordingly withdrawn from

Abra: Mullinr
Robt Plimpton
Nath: Hasted
Richd Jackson
prosd sadly
Josiah Holley
John Hawkins
Caleb Smith
Joseph Hanks
Willi Hookey



Att a Church Meeting 21 Sept 1735 Die Dom.

The Mdsprg sent to Jos Askew report that his Mother says she hopes shows some reformation in his life &c

Agreed that his Case be reffered for some time longer

Agreed that we doe receive into our Comn Sis Sarah Deverell upon the report of our Brethren the Mdsprgers whose Character they are well satisfyed of.

The Case of Mary Robinson reffered till next Ch. meeting

Agreed that Bro Halsted & Bro Rob Plimpton be desired to gett the gutters of the Meeting house repaired

Agreed that there be a Collection for Dr Geles Children & that Bro Mullinor give notice next Lords day after breaking bread and that the Collection be the day 3 weeks

Wm: Mullinor
Nath Hasted
Tho: Kingsnath
Richd Jackson
Samuel Stonier
Sam: Keeling
with Deane
Joseph Marks
Nath Gibson
John Hawkins
Caleb Smith

At a Church Meeting Octo. 19. 1735

Mr. John Goodfellow being desirous ~~making Application~~ to Remove his Communion from ye Church in Glass House Yard & to Communicate with us. It is agreed that Messengers be appointed to go to ye Church in Glass House Yard & Enquire into his Life & Character & that Brother Samuel Stonier & Bro: Saml Keeling be ye messengers

The Case of Mary Robinson referd to ye next Church Meeting

Agreed that Bro^r Caleb Smith Bro^r Jno Barton & Bro^r Nath^ll Hasted be our Representatives to the Yearly Meeting for the Year Ensuing

Agreed that Bro^r John Roberts & Sis^r Sarah Postgate be admonish'd to make good their Places. & Bro^r May. Bro^r Robt Plympton & Bro^r Jackson or either two of em be ye Messengers

Mich Dennis

Alex^r Mullinex
Robt Plimpton
Thos Kingsnorth
Nath^ll Hasted.
Caleb Smith
Joseph Hanks
Jam^s Keeling
Nath^ll Gibson
Will Hockin

At A Church Meeting

November 23. 1735.

William Symston came and made a proposal for an Annual Sermon to be on the first day of January at this Place on the Condition's following viz

He Agrees to give One Guinea to Minister that shall Preach the Sermon

He also Agrees to give Five Pounds to the poor of this Congregation

He also Agrees to give Five Shillings to ye person that Cleans the Meeting

& desires ~~desires~~ that Br^r^ Mullinor do Begin to preach the first of these annual Sermons on ye first of January next, & he farther say's he purposes to Continue to pay the above Six Guineas a year for the purposes above as long as he Lives.

Agreed that We do Accept of the above Annuity as proposed

Agreed that We return our thanks to Br^r^ Mr Symston for the same

Entered over

The Church Meeting of Nov.r 29 Continued

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Sister Freeman made Application to this Church
her
to pay ~~their~~ Rent for [redacted], the Benj.n very poor

It is Agreed her Case be referr'd to the Deacon's

Agreed that Bro.r Hanks & Bro.r Joseph Watkinson
do warn Sis.r Mary Robinson to our next Church
Meeting & acquaint her if she doe's not appear to
give the Church Satisfacton they will withdraw from her

Agr.d that Bro.r Henry Howard be Added to y.e Messengers
appointed to go to y.e Church at Glass House Yard at our
last Church Meeting

The Case of Sis.r Roberts & Sis.r Longgate be referr'd
to our next Church Meeting

Bro.r Robert Plimpton reports he paid into y.e hands
of Bry.n Lewis Seven Pounds Eleven Shillings & 8
for the Use of y.e Children of the late Door Jn.o Gale

Agreed that there be a Sermon at this Place on y.e
25.th of Decem.r next & that there be a Collection
at the same time for the Poor

Agreed that the Branch be put up against the next Lords Day.

Wm: Mullineux
John Hay
Robt Plimpton
Nath Haskett
Richd Jackson
Tho. Kingsmith
Joseph Hanks
Nath Gibson
John Hawkins
Richd Pickering
Will: Hooker
Nich Deane

Att A Church Meeting 21 Decem^r 1735 Die Dom^n

The Case of Mary Robison to be offered to next Ch. Meeting

The Messengr sent to ye Ch. at Glasshouse yard about Bro^r Goodfellow (who proposed to take up his Com^n with this Ch.) Reported that there had been a difference amongst some of the Members of that which caused him to neglect his making good his place both in hearing & ye Lords table, for which ye Ch. thought fitt to withdraw from him. But with respect to his Life & Conversation that had nothing agt him.

Agreed that this Ch. doe send 2 Messengers to Bro^r Goodfellow to endeavour to perswade him to be reconciled to the Ch. and that Bro^r Keeling & Bro^r Smith be ye Messengers

The Case of Mr^s. Robert & Priscilla Postgate offered

A Letter from Mr Sam Holden to desire the Ch. to choose 2 Deputys for the yeare ensuing & send him their Names & place of Aboade

Agreed that we desire our Bro^r Mr. Deane & Bro^r Smith be desired to be excontinued for this next years our Deputys.

Wm: Mullineux
Robt Kimpton
Nath^ll Hastings
Richard Jackson
Tho. Kingsmith
Samuell Stanor
Peter Daddy
Sam^ll Keeling
Joseph Hanks
John Hawkins
Nath^ll Gilson.
Will: Hooker

At a Church Meeting Jan. 18
1735/6

The Case of Mary Robinson to be referd to the next Church Meeting

Agreed that Messengers be sent to the Church Meeting In Glass House Yard to know whether they will give their Consent that this Church shall receive Bro. In Goodfellow into Communion with us, they having nothing against his Life & Conversation & that Bro. Callow & Michael Deane be ye Messengers

The Messengers report y^t Bro. Jno Roberts & Sister Eliz. Postgate have promised to make good their Places

Agreed that We appoint persons to audit Bro. Mich. Deane's Accot. & that Bro. Caleb Smith & Bro. Ab. Stelstead be the Auditors.

Samuel Billings
John Hawkins
Will Hoter

Eliz: Mullines
John Gray
Robt Pimpton
Abra: Steled
Nathl Tasted
Richard Jackson
Joseph Hanks
Saml Keeling
Samuel Horton
Caleb Smith
John Clarke
Nathl Gibson
John Callow

At a Church Meeting Jan. 18 1735/6

The Case of Mary Robinson be referd to the next Church Meeting

Agreed that Messengers be sent to the Church Meeting In Glass Bonds to know whether they will give their Consent that this Church shall receive Bro. Jn°. Goodfellow into Communion with us, they having nothing against his Life & Conversation & that Bro. Callow & Michael Deane be y° Messengers

The Messengers report y.t Bro. Jn°. Roberts & Sister Eliz. Postgate have promised to make good their Places

Agreed that We appoint persons to audit Bro. Mich. Deane's Acco.t & that Bro. Caleb Smith & Bro. Ab. Thelstead be the Auditors.

Samuel Billings
John Hawkins
Will Holloway

Alex.r Mullines
John Mackay
Robt Kimpton
Abra. Thelstead
Nath.l Easted
Richard Jackson
Joseph Hanks
Sam.l Keeling
Samuel Horton
Caleb Smith
John Clarke
Nath.l Gibson
John Callow

Att a Church Meeting Feb: 22: 1736

Ino & martha Crotman Late of Sunnings ally making application for Comunion with this Church it is agreed that we Do receive them if we hear nothing against their Life & Conversation our brother Hasted being Desired to making enquirey

agreed that the Case of Bro Goodfellow rest till he make further applycation

~~agreed that~~
the messingers sent to mary Robison reports that she will not come to give the Church sattisfaction it is agreed y^t we Do waite one month Longer & then withdraw from her

agreed that we admonish broth^r Thom^s Cawdery & brother Ino walker to there Duty & ye broth^r may & broth^r Keeling be the messingers

Wm: Mulliner
Robert Plimpton
Nath^ll Hasted
Richard Jackson
Tho. Kingsmith
Joseph Hanks
Potton Dadly
Samuel Stonier
John Callow
Will Glooker
Nath^ll Gibson
John Clarke
Sam^ll Keeling
John Hawkins

AT A Church Meeting 21 March 1735 Die Dom.

The Church taking into Consideration the Case of Mary Robison
It is agreed that we doe withdraw from her & she is accordingly
withdrawn from

The Case of The Coderoy & Jno Walker referred till next Church meeting

A motion being made to make a Collection for the Friend it past in
the Affirmative

Agreed that notice be given of ye said Collection at ye Lords table
to ye members

and that ye Collection be begun that day fortnight
both morning & afternoone

Agreed that Bro C Smith & Bro Abra Holstead
be desired to meet ye representatives of ye several Congregations
to audit the Trustees Accots

Agreed that Bro Stonier & Bro Hawkes be desired to admit
Ann Booth to make good her place

Abra: Mullineux
Nath Hasted.
Richard Jackson
Thos Hedgeneth
Joseph Hanks
Samuel Stonier
Peter Dadley
Nath Gibson
Sam Keeling
Caleb Smith

At a Church Meeting 18 aprile 1736 Die Dom.

The Mrs Seng.ª sent to Bro Corderoy report that they could not meet with him
agreed that it be refard to the Mrs Seng.ª Nite they can see him.
They alsoe report that Bro.ª Jn.º Walker promises to make good his place
agreed that next Lord day notice be given from y.ª Pulpitt to continue
a Collection for the Fund
Agreed that Bro.ª Deane & Bro.ª Smith with the Deacons be desired to Audit the Trustees
of this Church.ª Acco.ª viz.ª Bro.ª Chittle & Bro.ª Kingsnorth
The Mrs Seng.ª sent to audit the Trustees Acco.ª report that they have audited
their Acco.ª & doe find the Ballance due to the Church 4.—.6¼ & the
graving rent from Michelmas last ——— on the other side
The Case of Ann Booth referrd Nite next Ch meeting

Wm: Mullineux
John May
Robt Kimpton
Tho: Kingsnorth
Nath.ll Hasled.
Joseph Hanks
John Hawkins
Caleb Smith

A Church Meeting
May. 23. 1736

The Messengers sent to Brr. Cordery Report that he is satisfyd when he is & shall Continue till he has Chang'd his Mind & shall not take it Amiss if the Church Proceed against him

Sera: Mullins
John Gray
Robt Plimpton
Seth: Hastead.
Richard Jackson
Jno Kingsnoth
Joseph Marks
Saml Keeling
Seth Gibson
John Clarke
Thos Smith
Samuel Billings
John Hawkins
Caleb Smith
Nic Deane

Agreed that the Consideration of Bro Corderys Case be referrd to next Church Meeting

The Person's appointed to Audit the Trustees of this Church Acct relating to Serie Johns Estate, not having Compleated it is Referrd to the Next Church Meeting

Brother Caleb Smith reports that he paid into the Stand y Collection made by this Church being Sixteen Pounds Six Shill & 4p Pence, when they was distributed to Poor Ministers Sixty six Pounds

Brr Hands Reports that Sis. Ann Booth has promis'd to make good her Place

A Letter Signd by Mat. Randell & Joseph Morris giving an Invitation to our Pastor & Representative to Joyn y Genl Assembly Meeting at Glass house Yard Boswel Street on Wednesday ni3 Whitson Week next Ensuing

Agreed that this Church send two Brethren to Meet our Friends at Glass house Yard & that Brr Robt Plympton & Brr: Saml Keeling be the Messengers with Brr Mullins for Elder

A Church Meeting
Nov. 23. 1736

The Messengers sent to Bro. Cordery Report that he is satisfyd when he is & shall Continue till he has Chang'd his Mind & shall not take it Amiss if the Church Proceed against him

Agreed that the Consideration of Bro Corderys Case be referred to next Church Meeting

The Person's appointed to Audit the Trustees of this Church Acct relating to Jervis Johns Estate, not having Compleated it It is Referred to the Next Church Meeting

Brother Caleb Smith reports that he paid into the Fund y Collection made by this Church being Sixteen Pounds Six Shill & 4d Pence, when they was distributed to Poor Minister Sixty six Pounds

Bro Hands Reports that Sis. Ann Booth has Promis'd to make good her Place

A Letter Sign'd by Mat. Randell & Joseph Morgring an Invitation to our Pastor & Representatives to Joyn y Gen. Assembly Meeting at Glass house Yard Gosnel Shall on Wednesday ni Whitson Week next Ensuing

Agreed that this Church send two Brethren to Meet our Friends at Glass house Yard & that Bro Abr. Plympton & Bro: Sam Keeling be the Messengers with Bro Mullens from Elder

Wm: Mullins
John Gray
Robt Plympton
Eth: Hastead
Richard Jackson
Wm Kingsnorth
Joseph Hanks
Wm Keeling
Nath Gibson
John Clarke
Tho: Smith
Samuel Billings
John Hawkins
Caleb Smith
Nic Deane

Att A Church Meeting 18 July 1736 Bre Dorr

Bro Smith reported that the Acct of our Trustee of Pierce John Estate & that the Mdsrs Rogers & Deweese have signed the Acct being satisfied with the Distribution of the money

The Mdsrs sent to the Assembly report that they have a Copy of the proceedings of the Assembly Agreed that it be filed up

A Letter from the Trustee of Pierce John Estate signed by John Mauldin. in behalf of himself & the rest of the Trustees about a propo that is made them of allowing 15 ℔ p ann for 100 ℔ to be advanced by Bro Denning the wife for their natural Life, there being a present necessity for that sum of 100 ℔ to be Lend out on Bond Fav to meet the Trustees & representatives of 4 & 5 Chunks

Agreed that Bro Abra Fullerton & Bro Smith be our representatives

Agreed nem con that our Repsentatives doe not hearken to every such proposale of allowing an Annuity of 15 ℔ p ann

Abra: Mulliner
Robt Stimpton
Nath: Hasted.
Richard Jackson
Hen. Kingsmith
Samuel Stanion
Joseph Hooks
Sam: Keeling
Will: Hockley
Daniel Bonoist

A Church Meeting Aug.t 22.d 1736

Dorothy Bassett making application for communion
with this Church, It is agreed that We send Messengers
to the Church in Virginia that under the Pastoral Care
of Brother Matthew Randall to know Whether
she is in full Communion & that Brother Jno Chittle
& Bro.r Sam.l Harding be the Messengers

Wm. Mullinex
Robt Plimpton
Nath.l Hasted.
Richd. Jackson
Tho. Kingsmeth
Joseph Hanks
John Hawkins
Jam.s Keeling
Nath.l Gibson
Wm Abbott
Edward Gladwin
Thos Smith
Josiah Holley
Mich.l Deane

Att A Church Meeting 19th Sept 1736 Die Dom

The Mrs sent to ye Ch. at Brigwia Sheel to enquire about Dorothy Bassett report that they knew very little of her but she not having sat down with them for many sabbaths since Mr Douglas time, but Mr Rendale they since inform'd that she is a very sober person and being present was ordered to be called in & examined, & being withdrawn The Ch took her case into consideration

Agreed nem. Con. that we doe receive her the said Dorothy Bassett now lyeing into our Com.

Agreed that Peter Horsman junr be admonished to make good his place, agreed that Jno Walker be sent to let him know that unless he appear next Ch. meeting to give the Ch. satisfaction for neglect of Duty, that the Ch. will withdraw from him and that Bro Hawkes & Bro Mayo be the messengers to both of them

Wm: Mullins

John May
Robt Pennyton
Nath Howard
Richd Jackson
John Chubb
Josiah Holley
Nath Gibson
Caleb Smith
Samuel Stonier
Sam Keeling
Joseph Hawks

At a Church Meeting 24 Octo[r] 1736 Die Dom[ca]

The Messengrs sent to Peter Horsman Report That he sayes he will make good his place as soone as he can conveniently

The Case of John Walker reffered like wise to this Ch. meeting

Agreed That Bro[r] Spratt Bro[r] Callow & Bro[r] Barton be our Representatives for the Yeare Ensuing For the Same

Wm: Mullinex
John May
Robt Plumpton
Nath[ll] Hasted.
Richd Jackson
Tho: Kingsmith
Jno Hawkins
Samuell Stonier
Joseph Hanks
Nath[ll] Gibson
Caleb Smith
Wm: Hooker
Daniel Green
Ebenezer Hubbard

Mt Church Meeting
Novem 21. 1736

Brother John Walker has appeard and made good his Place to the satisfaction of this Church.

Agreed that there be a Sermon here on Xmas Day as Usual & a Collection for the Poor

Agreed that Mich. Deane do pay what Bills are due for the Repares of the Meeting in order to have his Acco[t] Audetted & a report made next Church Meeting

Wm. Mulliner
John may
Robt Kempton
Nath[ll] Hasled.
Richd. Jackson
Tho. Kingsmith
Samuel Stonier
John Griffith
Peter Dalby
Joseph Hanks
John Hawkins
Tho[s] Smith
Will: Hooker
Nath[ll] Gibson

Mich Deane

At a Church Meeting Dec 19 1736

ag the Report of bro Deans Accompts be refer'd to the next Church meeting

George Mullines
John Macy
Robt Kimpton
Nath[ll] Hasted
Abra: Felsted.
Richd Jackson
Peter Jadlif
Nath[ll] Gibson
Sam[ll] Keeling
Josiah Holley
Joseph Hards
John Griffith
John Hawkins

At a Church Meeting Jan.y 23.d 1758

Messengers from the Church under y.e Pastoral care of Jam.s Wilson came to enquire whether Bro.r Abm Clarke was a Member with us, or whether we had any thing against his Life & Conversation

Agreed that We return for answer, that he is in full Communion & that We have nothing against his Life & Conversation.

A Letter from Samuel Holden Esq.r to desire the Church to Choose 2. Deputies for the year Ensuing & send their Names & place of Abode.

Agreed that Brother Caleb Smith & Michael Deane be our Deputies for the Year Ensuing.

Brother Caleb Smith reports that they have audited Bro.s Deane's Account & there remains due to him Thirteen Pounds & four Pence.

Agreed that ways & means for raising Money for paying the Above £13 ... 4. be referr'd to the next Church Meeting. as also what other debts shall accrue

Agreed that Bro.r Smith & Bro.r Deane do pay to Doc.r Avery Four Guineas for this Church for the Use of the Deputation

Jno Hawkins Jam.s Keating Richd Jackson Abm: Mullineaux
Samuel Bellis Joseph Cook Phillip Dadly Robt Plimpton
Wm Rook Mich.l Gibbs Caleb Smith Abm: Jelfes
Mich.l Deane Benj.n Allcott Eglon Clarke Nath.l Hasley

At a Church Meeting Feb 20 1736/7

agreed the Debts of the Church be refer'd to the next Church meeting

Broth^r Robard Baker making application to this Church for Some relief agreed y^t his Case be refer'd to the Deacons

that Broth ~~Robard Baker~~ Sam^a Keeling with any other Brother be Desired to admonish Benham Goodson to his Duty

the Case of Thom^s Cawdery Iten^t Sinner & Edward Gladwin be refer'd to the next Church meeting

Albin: Mulliner
Robt Plimpton
Nath^ll: Hasted
Abra: Tebbs
Tho: Kingsmith
Richd: Jackson
pour in Jordy
Sam^a: Keeling
Nath^ll Gibson
Joseph Hanks
Will: Hook 91
John Hawkins

At a Church Meeting 20 March 1736 Dii Dom

Agreed That the Cass of the Debts be referrd till next Ch meeting

Agreed there be a Collection for the Poor for Poore Minuby &c

Agreed That notice be given next Lords day after Breaking Breed that the said Collection will be commenced that day fortnight after & continued till finished

The Cass of Benham Goodson referrd till next Ch. meeting

Agreed The Cass of The Cordery referrd till next Ch. meeting

Agreed That Bro Deadly & Bro Hanks or either of them doe admonish Bro Gladwin to his Duty

Agreed That Ben: Fox & Eliz Smiths of Longford shall be admonished to their Duty & that Bro Deadly & Bro ~~Halsted~~ Hanks be the Messengers

Wm Milliner
Robt Plumpton
Tho. Kingsmith
Richd Jackson
Nath. Halsted.
Nath Gibson
& others Deadly
Joseph Hanks
Wm. Hooker
John Hawkins
Caleb Smith

At a Church Meeting
April 17. 1737

Agreed that the Case of the Debts be referrd to next Churche Meeting

The Case of Benham Goodson referrd to the next Churche Meeting

The Case of the Cordery referrd to the next Church Meeting if no longer

The Case of Bro Gladwin referrd to the next Churche Meeting the Messengers not having seen him as yet

Brother Dadley reports that Bro Benj Fox takes the Church's admonishing him kindly & has promised to make good his place

Bro. Dadley also reports that Eliz Smith alledged Incumbrances in her Business & has promised to come as oft as they can

Bro Mullenor presented a Letter from Bro. William Felsted from Kingston in Jamaica dat Dec. 30. 1736. acquainting us with his Intention of removing to Boston New England & desiring a Letter of Recommendation to the Baptish there

Baptist Church there

Agreed that a Letter of Recommendation be drawn up & that Bro Mullenor be desired to draw it up

Joseph Hanks
Nath Gibson
Sr Hawkins
Mich Dean

Abra: Mullinor
Robt Kimpton
Nath Hasle
Caleb Smith
pro Dadley

At a Church Meeting 22 May 1737. Die Dom[ni]

The Consideration of the Churches Debt Deffered to next Church meeting

The Mo[nthl]y sent to Bro[r] Denham Goodson report that he returning his thanks to Ch. that they tooke soe much care as to send after him & that he promised to make good his place & accordingly he was here this day

Agreed that mo[nthl]y[s] be sent to Bro[r] Cordery to let him know that if he does not appeare next Ch. meeting to give the Ch. satisfaction for the Long neglect of his Duty & place he is by Ch. That y[e] Ch. will then peremptorily withdraw from him and that Bro Wheley & Bro[r] Rob Plimpton be the Mo[nthl]y[s].

The Mo[nthl]y[s] sent to Bro[r] Gladwin report that they had admonished him. & that he promised to make good his place accordingly he was here to attend his duty in hearing the word

Bro[r] Mullineux reported that there was given to the Fund for poore Baptist ~~meeting~~ ministers &c for this Ch. the Sum of 19. 13

And that there was divided this yeare 120:

Agreed that we doe send m[onthl]y[s] to meet y[e] Assembly at Glasshouse yeard on wensday in Witson weeke and that Bro[r] Callew & Bro[r] Kingsnorth be the m[onthl]y[s] to the Assembly with Br[o] Mullineux

Wm: Mullineux
Richd Jackson
Nath[l] Hasted
Joseph Hanks
Sam[l] Keeling
Jno Hawkins
Will: Hooker
John Bass

At a Church Meeting 19th: June 1737. Die Dom

Sister Jackson (nee Allen) appears before the Ch. & desires to be restored to her Com with this Ch. Whereupon the Ch acquaints her that they were glad to heare of her good Resolution, and that if she would appeare at next Ch. meeting the Ch will take her Case into Consideration:

Sist. Hannah Lodge appeared desiring some relife weekly Agreed that her Case be left to the Deacons

Agreed that the Consideration of the Churches Debts be taken into Consideration next Ch. meeting & dispensed noe longer

The Messengers sent to the Assembly exhibited a Copy of the proceedings of the last Assembly which was read

Agreed that it be putt on the file

Thos: Mulliner
Robt Plimpton
Nath Hasted
Tho. Kingsnoth
Joseph Hanks
Sam Keeling
Peter Taylor
Nath Gilson
Will Hooker
D. Benoist
Caleb Smith

At a Church Meeting July 24. 1737

The Case of Sister Jackfield (now Allen) was taken into Consideration, It is Agreed that she be Restord to her Communion with this Church.

Agreed that there be a General Church Meeting call'd to lay Before em the State of the Church's Debt & to Agree upon proper Methods for the discharging it.

Agreed that the said Church Meeting be this day three Weeks

Whereas it's commonly Reported that James Webb has Cheated & defrauded Several Persons Agreed That ye said James Webb shall have no Communion with this Church till they are Satisfyed,

Agreed that Brr Caleb Smith & Mr. Deane do make enquiry after the Policy of Insurance for this Meeting, & do what's Necessary for the Meeting Security

Abra: Mulliner
Robt Kimpton
Nath: Hasted.
Richd Jackson
Tho: Kingsnoth
Pasons Doty
John Hawkins
Caleb Smith
Will Hooker
Mark Deane

Att A Church Meeting 21 August 1737 Die Dom[ca]

The Generale Ch. meeting pursuant to y[e] Agreem[t] of the Last Ch. meeting was accordingly held this day was Fortnight, and the State of the Debt was laid before the Ch. at that time, which was agreed to remain with the Ch. to take Subscriptions to defray the said Debt being £1. 3 9. and a Subscription accordingly begun. & £10. 11. was p[d] in that day & this.

Agreed that the Members after the Breaking bread be desired that they that have not subscribed to compleat their Subscription, and to desire them to save our Brethren the truble of coming to their houses:

Agreed that the Leave of the meeting be examined & read to see what is proper to be don for the Interest of y[e] Ch.

Agreed that the said Leave be examined by a Committee & reported to the Ch.

Agreed the said Committee be our Bret[n] the Deacons & the Elders with Bro Callow Bro Deane & Bro Smith, and that they doe consider what is most proper be don about the Policy

The Messenger sent to Bro Corderoy report that he returns the Ch: thanks for their Care of him & the Kindness & forbearance towards him and that as the Ch. has waited so long with him, that they will be so good as to waite a little longer with him

Agreed that there be a Letter of Recomendation sent to Nath: Smith pursuant to his request to the Ch. at Norwich under the Care of Bro[r] Ives

Agreed that Rich[d] Millton be admonished for neglect of his Duty and that Bro May & Bro Gibson be the Messengers

Abra: Mullineux
John May
Robt Kimpton
Tho. Kingsmith
Nath[l]. Hasled.
George Mullineux
Joseph Hanks
Sam Keeling
John Hawkins
John Clarke
Nath[l] Gibson
Will: Hooker
Caleb Smith

At a Church Meeting 18th Sepr 1737 Die Lunæ

Agreed that Bro Mullins be desired to putt the membrs
in mind that have not don any thing towards ye Subscription for paying
of the Debts that they be desired to complete it being their duty to doe
Agreed that our Brothr the Deacons be desired to speake to those that
have don nothing in this affair & that they take to their Assistance
Bro Collins & Bro Smith & any other Brethren if necessary to
goe to their houses.

Agreed that the Policy of Assurance be assigned over
to Bro Jno Plimpton & Bro Corderoy & Bro Deane in the office, and
that ye Policy be lodged with Bro Deane & that he be desired to give
a memorandum in this Ch Booke that it is for ye use of ye Ch.

Agreed that the report of Richd Millton referred till next Church
meeting

Bro Hawkins & Gibson be desired to goe to Ch. at Hartsheal
under ye care of Bro Smith to know if they have ought ag Sisters
Prickering the making application to this Ch. for Com.

Wm. Mullins

John Tilley
Robt Plimpton
Nathl Hasted.
Richard Jackson
Tho. Kingsmith
Nath Gibson
Jno Hawkins
Caleb Smith

Att a Church Meeting 23 Octo 1737. Die Dom

The Mssrs sent to Bro Ri. Milton report that he told them he should not come to make good his place.

Agreed that the same Mssrs be desired to warn him into our next Ch. meeting the 1st Bro Milton to give his reasons for such an answer.

The Mssrs sent to the Ch. at Hartsheal report that Sist Pickring is in full Com with them & that they recommend her to his Church as such. whereupon it is agreed to receive her into our Com.

Agreed that Bro Felstead Bro Dean & Bro Cullaw be our representatives to the Fund Society for this ensuing year.

Agreed that there be a Letter of Recommendation sent to the Ch at Namptwich according to the desire of Bro Madox for Transient Com with that Ch.

Abra: Mullineux
Robt Plimpton
Abra Felstead.
Nath: Hasted.
Richard Jackson
Thos Kingsmith
Joseph Hanks
John Hawkins
Nath Gibson
Geo! Mullineux
Caleb Smith
Willi: Hookes
Jamd Keeling

Broth Hilton Did appear and Gave the Chuch the Reasons for the neglect of his Duty being a Differance betweeh him & Brother Holly which they have agreed to refer to the Judgment of 2 freinds

the Lead of the meeting being. Stole it is agreed by Broth Robert plimpton and Broth Hasted Veiw the Same and Do whatt in they think needfull

Wm: Mackiner
John May
Robt Kempton
Tho: Kingsnoth
Richard Jackson
Nath[ll] Hasted ..
p[rov]ss Sadly
Sam[ll] Keeling
Will: Hough
[illegible]
Joseph Hawks
Chris: Fox
John [illegible]
Josiah Holley
John Hawkins

A Church Meeting December Decem^r 18. 1737

Messengers from the Church in Little Wild Street under the Pastoral Care of Brother Joseph Stennet, to Enquire whether this Church has any to say against the Life and Conversation of Sis^r Phebe Cowdery

Agreed that We return for answer that We have nothing against her Life & Conversation

Brother John May Reports that they have had a Meeting of two freends to Conciliate the difference Between Bro^r Milton & Bro^r Holly & that the difference between them is Settled to the Satisfaction of each Party

A Letter from Dor Benj.^a Avery to desire the Church to Choose two Deputy's for the year Ensuing & send him their Names & Places of Abode

Agreed that We desire Bro^r Isaac Spratt & Mich.^l Deane be our Deputy's for the Year Ensuing

Caleb Smith, Silva: Mullineux
Will Hookey. John May
Robt Kimpton
Mich Deane Nathl Hasted.
Tho: Kingsmith
Joseph Hanks
John Hawkins
Mark Gibson
Daniel Bowers

At a Church Meeting 22 Jan[y] 1737 Die Dom[ca]

Mr Springer from the Ch. att Hartford Shed under the Care of Bro Jam[s] Sprills with a Letter signifying they are under a necessity of breaking up their Church State in a short time, Therefore propose to joyne with this Ch. in Com[n]

Agreed that the Messenger be desired to withdraw while we take their Message & Letter into Consideration, which being accordingly done, It is Agreed that this Answer be returned, That we shall be willing to receive them as Members, But as to their proposals & condition we cannot comply with. Ord that at present Agreed That the said paper be putt on the file

Abra: Mullinor
John Gray
Abra: Telsted.
Robt Plimpton
Tho: Kingsnoth
Nath[ll] Hasted.
Richard Jackson
Nath[ll] Gilson
Joseph Hanks
Sam[l] Kaling
Jno Hawkins
Porgs Dadly
John Griffith
Rich. Pickering
George Mullinex
Caleb Smith

At a Church Meeting Feb: 19 1737/8

Whereas A Leller having bin Sent to this Church
Setting forth The Low State of Inº Preacher of
Barkhamstead it is agreed yt. his Case be Inspoden
the next Church meeting

Abrª: Mulliner
Robt Plimpton
Nathll Hasled
Richard Jackson
Thos. Kingsnotts
Samll Keeting
Peterº Dadly
John Griffith
Rich. Pickering
William Plimpton
Will: Hookes
John Sampl
John Mathin
Jno Hawkins
Joseph Hanks

At a Church Meeting Mar^h 19 1787/8

agre^d That there be a Collection for the Fund Society
this Day three weeks and Bro^th Mulliner be
Desired to give notize the next Lords Day after
Breaking Bread
the Case of In^o Treacher be refer^d

Abra: Mulliner
John Read
Robt Plimpton
Nathl Hasted.
Richard Jackson
Joseph Hanks
Saml Keeling
p^d Read
John Bunn
Will: Hook 9/-
In^o Hawkins

At a Church Meeting Mar^h 19 1787/8

agre^d That there be a Collection for the fund Society this Day three weeks and ^4^ Bro^th Mullineer be Desired to give notize the next Lords Day after Breaking Bread

the Case of In^o Treacher be refer^d

Abra: Mullineer
John Mas
Robt Plimpton
Nathl Hasted.
Richard Jackson
Joseph Hanks
Saml: Keeling
p d^o Jad Ley
John Burrup
Will: Hook 9/-
In^o Hawkins

London April 23. 1738

I Promise to be Accountable to this Church
for a Policy of Insurance of Five in the hand
of Mr Wm Haynes Stationer
of Thomas Corderoy & my Name

Nich Deane

London April 23. 1738

I Acknowledge to have the Lease of the Meeting
which was renewd in the Year 1720. being the last
Lease) in my Hands, Which I Acknowledge to be
for the Use of the Church

Abra: Mullineux

"Gt. A. Church Meeting

April 23. 1738

Brother Thomas Trigg appearing, & being desireous to return to his Duty

It is agreed that we receive him to his former Communion

The Case of John Treacher be referr'd

It agreed that John Cherry be [redacted] Admonished for Neglect of his Duty & that Brot. Gibson & Bro Hanks be the Messengers

Abra: Mulliner
John Mabry
Robt Plimpton
Nath: Hasted.
Mark Dean
p[rese]nt
Caleb Smith
John Griffith
Nath[ll] Gibson
Joseph Hanks
John Hawkins
Colin Dennis

Att a Church Meeting may 21:: 1738

The Case of John Chery refer[d]

The Case of John Treacher refer[d]

agre[d] that we Send mesingers to meet the Asembly att Glasshouse yard on wednesday in whitson week and [redacted] y[e] Broth[r] Callow & Broth[r] Barlon be the mesingers

The following persons under the paslorall Care of Broth James Smith Late of ~~the Church~~ y[e] Church of Harlstreet being Dissolved Did appear and make application for Communion with this Church

it is agreed y[t] we Do receive them namely Rich[d] willey Rob[t] powell and Grace his wife Thomas whiteaker and mary his wife and Henry ward

agre[d] y[t] Some persons Do excercise there Gifts in order for the Churches approbation but the fixed time refer[d] to the next Church meeting

agr[d] y[t] John Roberts be admonish[d] to his Duty and y[t] Dan[l] Benoite & Jn[o] Hawkins be the mesingers

Wm: Mullner
Tho: Kingsmith
Nath[l]: Hasted.
Richard Jackson
Joseph Hanks
Peter Daffy
Daniel Benoist
Jn[o] Hawkins
John Griffith
Jam[s] Keeling
Geo: Mullner

At a Church Meeting 18th Feb. 1738 Die Dom

Agreed that Bro Wm Wheeler a member of the Leds Church under the care of Bro Smith in Hartsheal, be received into our Comunion

The Messengers sent to Bro Jno Cherry report that they have not been able to meet with him Agreed that it be referrd to next Ch meeting

and the Messengers orderd to warn him into ye next Ch meeting

The Case of Jno Frederick referrd till next Ch meeting

The Transactions of the Assembly being read Agreed & put on the file

Agreed that this day 3 week at 5 Clock in ye evening be apointed for the tryall of Diffs in this Ch:

The Messengers sent to Jno Robert report, that he has promised to come & answer Charges & make good his plea Whereupon it is agreed that we waite on him a little longer

Bro^r Mulliner (reported in ye absence of our Representative,) that this Ch had p^d into the Fund 16 pounds & and that they had distributed 12^s one half to poor Ministers & the other for young Students as usual

Wm: Mulliner
John May
Robt Pimpton
Natl. Harris.
Richard Jackson
Thos Kingsmith
Saml Keeling
Joseph Hanks
Robert Powell
Richard Wilcox
John Griffith
Jno Hawkins
Caleb Smith

At a Church meeting July 23 1738

the Case of Jno Cherry reffer

the Case of Jno Treacher refer

agre y^t Caleb & mary Vaughn Eliz Brillain & Robt page members of the Late Church of hart Street under the Care of Broth^r Smith be rece^d into our Comunion

agre^d y^t the Secon^d Lords Day in the next month at 5 in Evening be appointed for the tryall of Gifts

agr^d y^t there be a Generall Church meeting this Day forlnight to Consider of Some Speciall affairs relating to this Church and y^t notice be Given the next Lords Day

agre^d y^t Broth^r Robt Plimpton and Abra^m Felstead be Desired to make m^rs Lucas a Visit and admonish her to make Good her place as open as She Can

Abra: Mullineux
Robt Plimpton
Nath^ll Halsted.
Richard Jackson
George: Mullineux.
Joseph Hanks
Peter Dadley
Robert Powell
Ephraim Wakely
John Griffith
James Delano
Sam^ll Keeling
Tho Whitaker
Wm. Wheeler
Chris: Fox
John Savary
John Hawkins

At a Church Meeting Aug 20 1738

The messingers Sent to Jn° Cherry report y^t the affairs of the world and an Ill State of health has much hind him in his Duty but has promis^d to make good his pla

agr^d y^t att a convenient Season the Case of Jn° Treachy be read and y^t a Collection be made for him

agr^d the Second Lords Day in the next month is appointed for the tryall of Gifts

agr^d that Broth mulliner Desire the members of this Church to Stay after Breaking Bread and y^t Broth^r may aquaint them with the end of the staying and y^t the Deacons prosecute y^r affaire all there own Exercion which relates to the assistance of ye ministry

agr^d that Richd Mullen be admonish^d to his Duty & y^t Broth^r Dadly & Broth^r Gibson be the messingers

Wm: Mulliner
John wray
Robt Plimpton
Tho. Kingsnath
Nath^ll Hawkes
Richd Jackson
peter Dadly
Robert Powell
Wm Wheeler
Nath^ll Gibson
Joseph Hanks
Sam^ll Keeling
Geo: Mullinder
Will: Hookson
Jn° Hawkins

At a Church meeting Sep 17th 1738

agr^d y^t Bro^th Francis Do imploy Some persons in the repairs of this meeting house y^t may be nessesary to be Done.

The messingers Sent to Kich^d milton make report y^t he Did reject there admonition it is therefore agr^d y^t in Some little time they be Desired to give him a second admonition

In^o Preachers Case was read and a Collection made in which was raised the Sum of

£ s d
2 7 8 ½

Wm. Mullines
Robt Plimpton
Abra. Tebbs
Nath^ll Hasted.
Richard Jackson
Tho. Kingsnoth
Nath^ll Gibson
John Sharp
Joseph Hanks
Sam^ll Keeling
John. Clarke
Robert Powell
Robert Paige
Geo: Mullines
In^o Hawkins

At a Church Meeting 22 October 1738 Dis Dom

The Ch[ur]ch of Rich[d] Millton referd till next Ch. meeting

Agreed that we doe send 3 person, to the Society for manag[ing]
the affairs of the Fund:

Agreed that Wm Plimpton Hen. Skinner & Bro[r] Howard be
our Messengers.

Wm. Mullaner
John May
Rob[t] Plimpton
Richard Jackson
Nath[ll] Hasted.
Tho. Kingsnorth
John Pratt Rich[d]
Nath[ll] Gibson
Joseph Hanks
Peter Dudley
Robert Powell
Sam[ll] Keeling
Jno Hawkins
Caleb Trindle
Caleb Vaughan
Samuel Billings
John Clarke

At a Church Meeting Nov. 19 1738

Agreed that the Messengers appointed to Rich. Milton do warn him to attend at our next Church Meeting, and in case he refuses their Admonition to acquaint him the Church will withdraw their Communion from him

Agreed that the Branch be Cleared and put up in the Meeting against next Lords day

Agreed that we have a Sermon on the 25th of December next & at the same time a Collection for the Poor

Agreed that the Messengers formerly appointed do warn John Roberts to our next Church Meeting.

Agreed to Bro. John Walker to Admonish to make good his place in this Church & that Bro. John May & Bro. Nath. Harted be the Messengers

Agreed to admonish Sis. Lloyd to make good Jno Hawkins his place, & that Bro. Dadley & Bro. Harted

Nich Dauis Be the Messengers.

Robt Crimpton
Richard Jackson
Thos Hingsmith
Nath. Harted.

Wm. Mullines
Nath. Gibson
Joseph Hanks
Sam. Hocking
Peter Datij

At a Church meeting Dec 24: 1738

The messingers Sent to Kickmilton report
y^t he refused there admonition
agked y^t we waite on him Some time longer

The Case of Jno Roberts be refer^d

The messingers Sent to Jno walker report
that he Kindly received there admonition
and promised to make good his place

The Case of Sis^r Loyd refer^d
agre^d y^t Some repairs be Done in the back part
of the yard and the top of the front post

agre^d y^t Bro^th will^m Plimpton be ingaged in y^t affair

A Letter from Doc^r Ben^j Avery to Desire the
Church to Choose two Deputies for the year ensuing
and Send there names and places of abode

agr^d y^t we Desire Broth Isaac Spratt and
mic Dean be our Deputies for the year insuing

Wm. Mullins
John Gray
Robt Plimpton
Nath^ll Eastley
Richd Jackson
Tho. Wingsmith
John Griffith
pastor Daddy
Nath^ll Gibson
William Plimpton
Jno Hawkins

All a Church Meeting Jan: 21 — 1788/9

The Case of Lic Millon refer'd

The Messingers Sent to Inº Robert report y^t he promised to make Good his place

The Case of Sister Loyd refer'd

ag^t that Benjn Fox be ~~admonished~~ admonished for Long neglect of Duty and y^t Bro Hasted & Bro Tadly be the messingers

Jon: Mullineux

Aug^t	1728	8 — —		Jn° Mary
Sept^r	1728	10 — —		: Plimpton
July	1729	10 — —		& Hasted.
Aug^t	1729	6 — —	Mr Hayes	Richard Jackson
Feb^y	1729	10 — —	pd Bal g. 10/	Bro^r to Acc^t Ignath
July	1730	7 — —		& Mullineux
Aug^t	1730	12 — —		Griffith
Aug^t	1731	12 — —		: Fox
		75 —		& Bennett
				Hawkins
				Hooker

Fo 19 April 1730 Stated

Septr 12: 1731. Audited & Stated ye Acc^t of Jn° Chettle Rs Caleing in Peard John's Estate In Brother Chettles Book is Seventy five pound

£75

At a Church Meeting Jan: 21—1788/9

The Case of Lic Millon refer'd

The Messingers Sent to Jno Robert report y^t he promised to make Good his place

The Case of Sister Loyd refer'd

ag^t that Benjn Fox be ~~[illegible]~~ admonished for Long neglect of Duty and y^t Bro Hasted & Bro Dady be the messingers

Wm: Mullineer
John Mally
Robt Plimpton
Nathl Hasted.
Richard Jackson
Tho: Ringsnath
George Mullineo
John Griffith
Chris^r Fore
Daniel Benson
Jno Hawkins
Will: Hooker

Att a Church Meeting Feb 18 1788 1/9

The Case of Richd milton refer'd

The Case of Sister Loyd refer'd

The Case of Bery Fox refer'd

[redacted]

agre'd Broth'r Calow be appointed to provide for the morning ministry for the month ensuing

Wm: Mullener
Wm: Felsted.
Robt Plimpton
Nath. Hasted.
Richd Jackson
Tho. Hingston
Jno Dodd.
Geo: Mullener
Sam'l Keeling
Nath'l Gibson
Will: Flooker
Jno Hawkins

Att a Church meeting March 18 1738/9

The Case of Sister Loyd reser.

The Case of Benj" Fox reser.

The Case of Rich" millon. Being considr his having rejected the Churches admonition and treated y^m with Contempt it is agreed y^t we Do withdraw our Communion from him and acordingly he is withdrawn from

ag^d that this Day three weeks there be a Colection for the Poor and y^t Brothr muliner Do Give notice the next Lords Day after Breaking of Bread

ag^d y^t Bro Callow be appointed to provide for the morning ministry for the month ensuing and y^t Bro Setled Do aquaint him therewith

Thos Mullinex
John Tilly
Robt Pilkington
Nath^ll Hasted
Thos Wingsnath
Robert Page
John Kemp
Josiah Holley
Will: Hooks
Jno Hawkins

At a church Meeting april 22. 1739

Benjamin Fox appearing said his Resolution was not to have Communion any more with this Church.

Agreed that the farther Consideration of this case be referd to the next Church Meeting

The Messengers sent to Sister Loyd Report that she says she'll leave this Church

Agreed that a third Admonition be sent her & let her know that in Case she don't make good her place this Church will Withdraw from her & that Bro Hasted be the Messenger to acquaint her therewith.

Agreed that the following Brethern be appointed to pay Bro Mullinir a visit from the Church during his present Illness, Mr Smith Bro Wm Plympton Mr Cullow. Howard, Skinner, Deane, & allour Brethren the Deacon's

Agreed that our Brethren the Deacons be appointed to provide Ministers for the Morning Service

Agreed that our Brethren the Deacon's be appointed to provide for the afternoon Service during Brother Mullinirs Illness

pastor Dudley
William Plimpton
Saml Keeling
Joseph Hanks
Jno Hawkins
Josiah Holley

Att a Church Meeting May 28 709

The Case of Benj Fox Consider'd it is agreed that we waite on him another month and Lett him know y^t if he Does not make good his place the Church will then withdraw from him agreed y^t Bro may be the mesinger

The Sister Loyds Case refer'd

agr'd y^t we Send mesingers to meet the Assembly at Gla' house y^t on wednesday in the whitson week and y^t Bro^r Wm Plimpton & Bro Barlon be the mesingers

agr'd y^t Bro Dean be Desir'd to pay the workmans bills

Peter Dadly
Jno May
Nath^ll Hasted.
Robt Plimpton
Tho: Hungnoths
William Plimpton
Wm Wheeler
Joseph Hanks
Josiah Holley
John Bamp
Will Hookjn
Jno Hawkins

Att a Church Meeting June 4th 1730

two messengers appearing under the pastors care of Broth Fry to enquire if mary Denitt be in full Comunion with this Church we not knowing the person it is agreed y^t She be Dirfered to appeare the next Church meeting

wheras there is Some writings in the hands of mrs mullinere it is agreed y^t Bro may Bro Kobert Plimpton Bro Jackson be Desired to go to her to Deliver up the Said writings to them for the use of the Church

the Case of Benj Fox was Consid it is agreed y^t we wate on him Some time Longer and y^t the Same messingers Do Visit him

agr^d y^t that there be a Generall Church meeting the next Lords Day after breaking bread

agre^d y^t att the Generall Church meeting it be moved y^t we choose Some persons to provide for the ministry of this Church and y^t we move the Continuation of the Subscriptions and the Defraing the Charges of the funerall

Sister Loyds Case refer'd

Caleb Smith

Nath^ll Gibson

Josiah Holley

Jno Hawkins

Robt Drinkwater

John May

Robt Plimpton

Abra^m Belsted.

Nath^ll Hasted.

Richd Jackson

Josiah Dagly

William Plimpton

Joseph Hanks

Sam^ll Keeling

John Mathis

Will: Hookson

James Delanc

John Lawrence

John Haydon

Sam^ll Cod[illegible]

At a Generale Church Meeting 24 June 1739 Die Dom:

Agreed that the following Brethr be desired to provide Ministers to supply this Ch. while vacant (if need) viz) Bro Callaw. Dean Hauk Ffield Keeling Barton Havard & W Plinton

Agreed Item Con: that we doe continue the Subscription for the Ministry as usuall in our Bro Mullineux hands & for the Poore and Taxes & Rent

Agreed Item Con: that the Ch. will defray the Funerals Charges of our Belovd Bro & Pastor Mr Abra Mullineux

Agreed that Bro Callaw be desired to pay the 15/ every Lords day to the Ministers that supply the Ch.

Agreed that Bro Hooker be desired to pay the money he hath rec'd for ye Ministry to Sus Mullineux to this day

John May
Abra Pelsted.
Nath. Hasted
Richd Jackson
Tho. Kingsnath
James Deane
Tho: Corderoy
Sam: Bodicoat
Wm Hill
John Barton
Joseph Hanks
Jno Hawkins
Fra: Bonnett
Jamd Keeling
Robert Powell
Will: Hooker
John Callow

London 22 July. 1739

I Doe hereby acknowledge that I have in my hands The Leases of the meeting house in White Alley in Moorefields and alsoe y writing of relating to a Legacey of Bro. Bowles for the use of the said Ch. and which writing I promise to be accountable to y order of y said Church as witness my hand Robt Hampton

Memo Mr Plumpton produced the Lease of the Meeting house at the Key'd wch was to him again in y Presence of Mr Ashworth Hasted: Havard & Bodicoat & Smith

27 May 1742

At a Church Meeting 22 July 1739 Die Dom:

The Mild Sending from ye Ch: under Bro^r Fry appearing against Mary Bennett cy to her relating to Bro^r Frys Congregation Agreed that Bro^r Kingsnorth with Bro^r Hawkins be desired to go & talk with her & that she doe appeare next Ch meeting

The Case of Bro^r Fox referred to next Ch meeting

Agreed that Bro^r Freeney buy a Box to put in the Books belonging to the Congregation

Agreed that the Lease of the meeting house & ye writing relating to Bro^r Bowles Legacie of £100 to ye use of ye Ch: after the death of Mary & Hannah Bowles be Lodged in the hands of Bro^r Rob: Plimpton and that he doe give his acknowledgm^t in his Booke for the use of the Ch:

Agreed that Now be a generall Ch meeting next Lords Day after Breaking Bread and that a Comittee be appointed to examine ye State of ye Debt of ye Ch: & ye Bills, and that there be a Subscription for ye discharging ye said Debt to begin then. and that Bro^r Caldwell Bro^r Hanks Bro^r Hawkins Howard & Clarence Smith be ye Comittee

Jno May
Tho: Kingsnorth
Nathl Hasted
Henry Howard
Colb Smith
James Delane
William Plimpton
John Mathin
Joseph Hanks
Jno Hawkins
Nathl Gibson
Josiah Holley
Will: Hookham

(Att) At Ch. Meeting 16th Aug 1739 Die Dom

Sistr Mary Dennel appearing & being known by some to the Ch. and being only a Baptized Communicant It is agreed that Brot Kingsnorth be desired to acquaint y Congregation under y Care of Brot Fry that we believe her to be a worthy Christian

The Case of Ben Fox referred till next Ch. meeting

Agreed That after Breaking bread next Lords day The Members be desired to stay & that they be acquainted that the Collection for defraying the Charges of Brot Mitchners Funerall & other incident Charges will be then contributed & that be desired to acquaint them that if they doe not accord them wee some Brethren will be obliged to wait on them at their house

Agreed that thy affaire be managed by the Deacony

Agreed that Brot kingsnorth Jackson Keeling Gibbs & Hunkey be desired to Return the Thanks of y Ch. to Mr Ashworth for his Service thy Day in preaching both parts of y Day

Robt Stinton
Jno: May
Natl Harled
Tho: Kingsnorth
Richd Jackson
Sol Gibbs
Saml Keeling
Saml Sadicott
Joseph Hanks
Jno Hawkins
Nath Gibson
Josiah Holley
John Watkins
Caleb Smith

At a Church Meeting Sep.r 23.d 1739

For

The Case of Benjamen, is refer'd to the next Church Meeting

Brother Hasted reports that they have made some progress in the Collection, for defraying the charges of Brother Mullineux Funeral & other Incident charges

Agreed that a List be drawn out of all the Members of this Congregation & that our Brethren Deacons do take the care of drawing it out

Brother Kingsnorth reports that he was desired by the Trustees of Pearce John's Estate to acquaint this Church that they desire their accounts may be audited to Morrow & That we send persons for that Purpose

Agreed that Brother Keeling & Bro.r Deane be the Auditors

Nath.a Hasted.
Robt Plimpton
Richard Jackson
Caleb Smith
Tho. Kingsnorth
Sam.a Keeling
Jno Hawkins
Joseph Hawkins
William Plimpton
John Mathis
Nath.ll Gibson
Lancot. Boisaut
David James
Geo: Mullineux

At a Church Meeting 7 Octo 1739 Die Dom

Broth Dean Reports y they have audited the trustes account of peirce John Estate and there remains Due to the trustes Seventy Six pound five Shilling and three farthings to Sept 24 1739 and there arreard Due to Lady Day 1739 Sixty two pounds ten Shillings and an old bond of Taylors Six pounds ten Shillings

agrd y we Do Send four persons to the Society for managing the affairs of the Fund

agrd y Bro Felsted Smith Keeling & Gibbs be our messingers

agr that this Day Sevennight there be a Generall Church meeting y we may Consult of some person y may be Serve this Church in the office of an elder

agrd y Broth Hooker Do pay the Subscreptions for the ministry to Broth Callow

the Case of Benj Fox refer'd

the List of the members not yet Compleated

John Wray
Robt Kimpton
Nath: Halsted.
Abra: Felsted.
Richard Jackson
Daniel Benoist
John Callow
Caleb Smith
Henry Howard
Joseph Hanks
Nath Gibbs
Jn° Hawkins

At a Church Meeting oct 21 1789

A Generall Church meeting was held to Consult of some person to Serve this Church in the office of an elder and the people were Desired to beare it on there mind

Agr^d that this Day fortnight there be a Generall Church meeting to mention Some persons y^t may be usefull in the ministry and notice be given the next Lords Day

the Case of Ben^a Fox referd

agr^d y^t our Brethren the Deacons be Desired to bring in a List of the members against the Generall Church meeting

Robt Plimpton
Nath. Hasted
Richd Jackson
Tho: Illingworth
Joseph Hanks
Nath^ll Gibson
Sam^ll Keeling
William Plimpton
David James
Jno Callow
Caleb Smith
Jno Hawkins

At a Generale Church Meeting 4th Novem: 1739 Die Dom
For the Election of a proper person to serve us in ye work of ye Ministry
Agreed that all the members have a right to nominate such a person.
And then were nominated: Bro: John Maulden: Bro: Jn: Ashworth
of Hamptwich in Cheshire Bro: Jeremi Buckland of Milcham in
Wilts: recomended by Bro: Miller: And also Bro: Phillips of Tarum
Which being severaly putt up to the vote, And Bro: Ashworth
having a great meijority was chos,
And a Letter being produced & read twice
Agreed that the said Letter be signed and sent to Bro: Ashworth as the
sense of this Church And is as followeth

White Ally London 4 Nov: 1739

Belove Bro: Ashworth

This comes with Christian Salutation to yr Wife & Spouse
and to return you our unfeigned thanks for yr Kind Assistance in the work of
the Ministry when you were last in towne And if it suit with your
Inclination & Conveniency, we should be glad to yr further Assistance for
a month or two or more; we hope it may prove to our mutuale Satis=
=faction & Comfort, We shall indeavour on our parts to make it so to
you, And we should be glad if you think proper, to bring a Letter of
Recomendation from the Baptist Ch: at Hamptwych.; We shall willingly
defray the Expence of your Journy

And we think it proper to inform you of the Principles of our Church
which are mention'd in 6th Hebrews: 1. & 2 vers, Viz to the 4th vers) of laying
on of hands; We do not understand it of the Extraordinary gift of the
holy Ghost (in these our days) which was immediatly given to the Apostles
and first Christians. of working of Miracles and the gift of tongues,
But the ordinary gift of the holy Spirit to aid & assist us in the discharge
of our Christian Duties & warfare
And also the Doctrine of universale Redemption by our Lord & Saviour
Jesus Christ, or that Christ dyed for all men
These Sr are ye Doctrines on which we are Settled And we hope you will
find them agreeable to yr own Sentiments, We should be glad of yr favourable
answer as soone as possible, Directed to Bro: Rob: Plimton in Pettycoat Lane London
In the meane time we Subscribe our Selves, (in behalfe of the rest) In the
Bonds of the Gospell of our Blessed Lord & Saviour Jesus Christ

Wm: Fox
Dan: Jenney
Tho: Paston
Rob Powell
Wm Wheeler
Job Gibbs
Caleb Smith
Jno Hewkins

Rob Plimpton
Jno Mercy
Nath: Heaford
Ri: Jeckson
Hen Skinner
Wm Plimpton
Tho Whitaker
Sam: Keeling
Jos Hankey
Jno Hewlett
Wm Hall
Ri: Pickering
Nat: Gibson

Deacons

A Church Meeting

November. 18. 1739.

Joseph Mares making application to remove his Communion from Burroughs o'Cane in the County of Tipperary In Ireland under the pastoral Care of Daniel Green, to us, It is agreed that we do desire him to get a Letter of Recommendation with the Place, Date, & Character of y.e said Joseph Mares, against next Church Meeting

Our Brethren the Deacon's having not compleated the List, they are desired to finish it & bring it, the next Church Meeting

The Case of of Benjamin Fox referred to the next Church Meeting

A Letter from Doc.r Benj.a Avery to desire this Church to return two deputies with their names & places of Abode

Agreed that we return two deputies, & that Bro.r John Callow & Michael Deane be return'd our deputies for the year Ensuing

Agreed that a sermon be preach'd at this Meeting of the 25.th of Decem.r next for the Benefit of the Poor, & that Bro.r Hanks be desired to provide a Minister

Caleb Smith Chairman
Robt Plimpton
Nath.l Hasted.
Richd Jackson
Thos Kingsmith
Joseph Hanks

Jno Hawkins
Nath.l Gibson
Danl Green
Sam.l Keeling

Att a Church Meeting Dec 23: 1739

The Case of Joseph mares being Consider'd
it is agreed y^t a letter be Drawn up and
Sent to the Church under the pastoral Care
of Dan^ll Green to know if he be in full Comunion
with ye Church

The Case of Ben^n Fox refer'd

The List of the members refer'd
agr^d y^t Broth^r Robt Plimpton with his
Broth^r Do manage the affairs of the Lan^d
for this Church

agr^d y^t nationall on the 9th of January
ye last Day be ob^ser^d in this
Church and y^t we begin about ten in the
morning and Continue till two in the afternoon

Robt Plimpton
Nath^ll Hasted.
Richard Jackson
Tho: Kingsmith
George Mullineo
William Plimpton
Daniel Bennet
Joseph Hanks
Sam^ll Keeling
Nath^ll G. Gibson
David James
Will: Hooker
In^o Hawkins

At a Church Meeting Jan 20 1739

the Case of Benj" Fox refer'd

ag^d^t^ ye our Brethren the Deacons be Desired to Compleate the List of the members and y^t^ Jos^h^ Hanks w^m^ Simpson w^m^ Hooker Abraham Frances be Desired to assist in ye work

ag^d^t^ y^t^ Brot^h^ Keeling be Desir^d^ to inquire into the Case of Thomas Tucker and to know if he Stand a member with m^r^ Cornwaile

Caleb Smith Chairman
Robert Kimpton
Abra: Belsted.
Nath^le^ Hasted.
Richard Jackson
Tho: Kingsmeth
Joseph Hanks
John Bamy
Sam^a^ Keeling
John Tillotson
David James
Nath^le^ Gibson
Will: Hooker
Jno Hawkins

At a Generall Church Meeting 3 Febr: 1739/40 Die Dom

Whereas Mr Ashworth signified to us That he could not think that Laying on of hands ought to be a Barr to Communion, that he knew his family was not for it, and he thought it hard that if he should come amongst us as a Minister, that he could not receive them into communion, But if any member should desire it that he would be willing to administer it to such

And therefore he desired to have the Sence of the Church upon it

Whereupon it was agreed last Lords day to give notice that this day being the 3 Febr there would be a generall Ch meeting on especiall affairs and that all the members be desired to stay after evening Servis,

Which being come before them, a motion was made & the Question putt that the Consideration of the above affair be further differred for a fortnight 3 weeks or more which was carryed in ye negative by a great majority

Agreed that the Question be next putt (viz)

That we doe receive Bro^r Ashworth & his family without submitting to Laying on of hands. (they bringing a Letter of Recomendation from the Baptist Church at Nantwich) It past in ye affirmative ~~nem con~~:

Agreed that Mr Ashworth be called in and acquainted with the agreement of the Church: and that we return him thanks for his services in ye worke of the ministry and hope it would not be long before he came again amongst us. and then wished him a good journy,

Unto which in a handsom manner he returned his Secretary thanks for the favour done to him & his family and that he designed we should hear from him in a little time & be with us decisive answer

Wm Hill
John Davy.

Robert Plimpton
Nath: Hasted.
Richard Jackson Deacons
Joseph Hanks
Caleb Smith
John Callow
Nath^ll Gibson
Will: Hookey
Jno Hawkins
Abra: Tolsted.
William Plimpton
John Matfin
Daniel Greed
Henry Howard
David James
John Clarke
Robert Page
Sam^ll Lodicott
John Haycock

Att a Church Meeting Feb: 17 1789

The Case of Benj.n Fox reserv.d

The List of the members reserv.d

agr.d y.t Thomas Tucker be admonish.d for Long neglect of Duty & y.t Bro.th Benoite & Bro.th Keeling be the messingers

Robt Kempton
Nath.l Hasted. } Decon.s
Richd Jackson
Joseph Hanks
Caleb Smith
Will: Horkor
Christ.r Fox
Jno Hawkins

A Church Meeting
March 23. 1739

The Case of Benjamin Fox refer'd to the next Church Meeting

Made some Progress on the List of Members & refer'd the farther Consideration till next Church Meeting

Brother Bennett reports that Thomas Tucker has promis'd to make good his Place

Brother Willey reports that Brr. Whitaker has been guilty of a Scandalous Immoral Behaviour & the Church having taken it into Consideration, It is agreed that we Summons him to the next Church Meeting & that Brr. Hawkins & Brr Jackson be the Messengers.

Brother Kingsnorth reports from the Deacons that on ye acc^t. of the Rejoycing of the Season they are in advance for the Poor

Agreed that our Brethren the Deacons be desired to lay the State of their Account before us the Next Church Meeting

Caleb Smith Chairman.
Robert Plimpton
Nathl. Hasted.
Tho: Kingsnath
Richard Jackson
Joseph Hanks
David Bennett.
Nathl. Gibson
Richard Willey
Jno Hawkins

(Att) A Generale Ch. Meeting 20 Aprill 1740 Die Dom

Whereas there was a Letter of Recommendation from the Church at Hamptwich produced by Bro Askworth

Agreed That by virtue of said Letter we doe receive Bro Askworth & his wife into our Com

Agreed that the monthly Ch. meeting which used usualy to be held on a Lords day Evening be altered to the monday Evening 6 Clock before ~~Breaking~~ breed day

Robert Kimpton
Abra: Tebbed..
~~Nath:~~ Nath: Hasted.
Richard Jackson
John Matkin
David James
Nath: Gibson
Robert Page
Henry Ward
Rich: Bennett
Jno Hawkins
Caleb Smith
John Collow
John Sharp
Sam: Bodicott
Joseph Hanks

At a Church Meeting 19 May 1740 Die Lunæ

Mr Strong from the Church in Virginia Steel to know if we have ought against Bro Sam Keeling, Peter Horsman & his wife & Eliz.a his Daughter and Widow Habbard, they making aplication to that Ch. for Communion

And then the Messengers withdrew

Agreed that the Messengr be called in again & acquainted that we have nothing ag.st them but that they are refusd Communion.

Bro Ashwood reported that he with some of the Deacons & other Bretn had made a generale visitt to all the Members, except a few that were not found out, and that in generale they had great satisfaction in visiting the Members

Bro Smith reported that he had paid into y.e Society for the Funds 10. 11. 8. and that they had agreed to Divide 100.li this yeare (viz.) 50.li to poore Ministers & 50.li to Students & for Bookes &c

The Case of Benj.a Fox referrd till next Ch. meeting

Agreed that the Articles drawn by the Deacons of the Gift of Capt Bassindine be putt on the file viz That there remains in Bro Rob.t Plumstead hands £ 9: 9: 10½ and in Bro.r John Mayhard £ 12: 6: 4½

Bro Wittaker appearing & acknowledging with Sorrow his great offence in being guilty of such scandalous & Immorall practices, which are such as are not fitt to be named

The Ch. taking into Consideration his Case & the heinousness of his Offence

It is agreed that he be withdrawn from and accordingly he is withdrawn from

Agreed that the Deacons Acct.s for the future be kept in a new Booke & Kept Dr & Cr.

Agreed that next Lords day there be notice given after Breaking of Bread that there will be a generale Ch. meeting for the Choice of an Elder or Minister that day fortnight & that notice be given each Lords day till the time

Bro Jos. Meere appearing & desired to be admitted into our Com.n but his Letter from Ireland being not regularly wrote as usuale, caused a Debate but one Mr Jonei Davis a Member will.m Willson appearing & gave him a good Character & that he saw him Baptized

Agreed that he be received into our Com.n

William Hall
John — Mafkin
Henry Skinner

John Ashworth
Robert Kimpton
Abraham Felsted
Nath.l Hasted
Richard Jackson
Caleb Smith
William Plimpton
John Barton
James Delanes
Sam.l Bodicoat
Joseph Hanks
Nath.l Gibbon
Josiah Holley

At a Generall Ch. Meeting 8 June 1740

Agreed that it be putt to the Church that Bro[r] Ashwood be our Minister or pastor which being putt way carryed in the affirmative nem. Con[l]

Agreed that this Ch: doe Chuse one more person to the Office of Deacons

Brother Caleb Smith unanimously Chose to be a Deacon as likewise Bro[r] Michael Dean

Brother John Barton, one contra

Brother Henry Howard one Contra

Brother Sam[l] Bodicoat Unanimous

Brother Jobb Gibbs - 2 Contra

And likewise Brother Rob[t] Kimton & Brother Abraham Felstead to go along with Brother John Ashworth & acquaint them with y[e] Sense of the Church

John Hawkins
John Basse
Josiah Holley
William Plimpton

John m[a]
Robert Kimpton
Abra: Felsted.
Nath[l] Hasted.
Richd Jackson
Henry Skinner
Rich[d] Pickering
Daniel Green
John Haylon
John Lawrence
Rich[d]. Bennett
Tho[s] Corderoy
John Peters
Henry Ward
Wm[m] Hill
Thomas Bagson
David Jaines
Robert Page
Mark[e] Gibson
Robert Powell
John Clarke

At a Church Meting Monday June 23. 1740

Brother Ashworth reports that Brs. Caleb Smith Brs Samt Bodicoat Brs Henry Howard had Accepted of the office of Deacons

Brother John May reports that Brother John Ashworth accepted of this Church's call to be Minister or Pastor of this Church, & that Thursday July 3. next be appointed for the Ordination of Elder & Deacons & notice be given the next Lords day from this Church Meeting by Brs. Ashworth

Agreed that there be a Collection provided upon that Occasion; that Brs. Skinner, Matthews. S. Woodhouse Callow. Barton, Cordery. W. Plymton. Felsted. or any four of them do take care thereof & that it be at the Crown Tavern at Cripplegate

Brs. John Callow delivered an acct. &c. agreed to be considered of next Church Meeting

Joseph Harris John Ashworth
John Troy
Will: Hockley Robert King to
Nath: Hasted.
Richard Jackson
Caleb Smith
Nich. Lias
Henry Howard
John matkin
Sami Bodicoat
William Plumpton

This during the Seige of Apthuile

May the 3rd 1740

This being the Day appointed for the Ordination of a Minister & Deacons
3 July 1740

Mr Fry opned the Meeting with Prayr: Read the 3 & 4th Chapters of the first
of Tim.o & the 1st & 2d of Titus & Prayed before Sermon

Then Mr Foster Preached the office of a minister & Deacons from 4th of
Peter 5 Chapt 1. 2. 3 & 4th verses

Then Mr Burroughs desired the Ch. to ratifie their Choice of Mr
Ashworth by holding up their hands which they did unanimously

Then Mr Burrough asked Mr Ashworth whether he willingly accept
of the Pastorall care of this Ch. To which he answered in the affirmative

Then Mr Burroughs asked whether he would watch over this people
as one who is to give an account &c To which he answerd, I believe
the Scriptures of the old & new Testament to be the word of God and
that every thing necessary to be believed or practiced by Christians is
contained therein I purpose with Gods assistance to make them the Rule
of my private conduct and publick ministration to Study the Interest and
as farr as in me lies promote the welfare of this Society consistant with that of
the whole Christian Church so long as I can be useful amongst them

Mr Burroughs then prayed over Mr Ashworth & about the middle
of the Prayr the rest of the Elders there present Layd on hands
adapting himself to the Case of the Minister

Then Mr Burroughs desired the Ch. to ratifie their Choice of 3 Deacons
viz Caleb Smith Senr Bodicoat & Hen. Havard by holding up their hands
which they did unanously. Then Mr B. asked the afore named whether
they accepted of the office of Deacons of this Ch. To which they severally
answerd for themselves in the affirmative

Then Mr Fry prayed over Bro Smith. Mr Jer. Smith prayed over Br
Bodicote, and Mr Foster over Mr Havard. and all the other Elders layd
on hands also sometime upon each

And lastly Mr Wheatherly preached the Duty of the People to the Ministr
from 1. of Thessalonians 5 Chap. 12 & 13th verses

The whole Solemnity was carryed on with the uttmost good order and
Decency

Then Notice was publickly given that there was a Dinner provided
at the Crowne Tavern near Cripplegate for all the Ministry there present
& all other friends who desire to dine with them And that the Poore of the
Congregation to be desired to stay, then there was distributed amongst them
1. 16. 0

And those that looked after the Meetinghouses of the severale Ministrs
concerned in the Ordination were desired to come to dinner

At a Church Meeting 21 July 1740

Agreed that a Bro Collar deed is settled & that 2 arrears due to him 3. 15. 0 that a soone as conveniently can be shall be rep[d] him by the Ch.

A motion being made that a Bro Ashworth hay not yet rec[d] any money from the Ch. it was he cou'd not comply with it is now agreed (Nem Con) that we take y[e] same into Consideration

~~Agreed that Bro Ashworth is ~~dubb~~ all he shall receive after rec[d] from Lady Day to Midsomer last~~

Agreed that Bro Hooker, be ordered to pay Bro Ashworth what Money he has in hand of the Subscriptions to the Minister that has become due since last Lady day, as well as what more he shall receive of the said Subscriptions

Agreed (Nemine Con) that there be a new List taken of Subscriptions ~~to~~ for our Minister, for the poor, & Necessary Charges of this Congregation, & that Notice be given to the Members of this Church next Lords day after Breaking Bread

Agreed that our Brethren the Deacon's be desired to take care of the above Subscriptions, & to desire such other Members to their Assistance as they shall think fit.

Agreed that the Charges of the Ordination Dinner be paid w[ch] is Eight pounds thirteen shill & 7. after deducting what has already been received, & Bro Mich[l] Deane is desired to advance the said sum for the account of the Church.

Agreed that Bro. Hayward be desired to ask the Trustees of Cap[t] Pierce Johns for a Copy the deed of Trust, & lay it before the Church.

The Church Meeting of July. 21. 1740

Continued

The case of Eliz.a Wilson who is very poor was read
agreed that her case be referd to our Brethren & Deacons

John Ashworth
Abra.m Toleted.
Caleb Smith
Robert Plimpton
Nath.l Hasted
Richd. Jackson
Henry Howard
William Plimpton
Nath.l Gibson
Tho.s Corderoy
Mich.l Dean
Joseph Hanks

Stratham Meeting Aug 25th 1740

Agreed that Brother Caleb Smith & Bro Nathaniel Deane be our Representatives for the Ensuing Year

Brother Kingsnorth reports that he had required of the Dea a Copy of Capt Peirce Johns Estate, & the Trustees gave for Answer that they never granted a Copy of the deed of Trust. He further says that he has rec'd. eight pounds at a distribution made ye 7 Instant for the Use of this Church

Agreed that Bro^r. Chittle & his Wife be admonish'd to make good their place in this Church, & that he be ask'd the reason of making a distribution out of Capt. Peirce John's Estate to Nathl Lenton not being a Member of this Church, & that Bro^r. Hasted & Bro^r. Jackson be the Messengers

Agreed that Bro^r. Hasted & Bro^r. Jackson be desired to Summon Mr. Loyd to the next Church Meeting ~~make good his place~~

Agreed that ~~Sister~~ Hanshaw be warn'd for neglect of Duty & that Bro^r. Robt Plympton & Bro^r. Nat. Hasted be the Messengers

Agreed that Peter Judson be admonish'd to make good his place & that Bro^rs Howard & Bro^r Bodicoat be the Messengers.

Agreed that Bro^r John Cherry, be summon'd to our next Church Meeting for Neglect of duty & that Bro^r. Hanscom & Bro^r. Ellis or be the Messengers

Howy Howard
Joseph Hanks
Nathl Hasted
Ebenezer Kingsnorth
Richard Jackson
John Rodd Kill

John Rodgerson
Caleb Smith
Robt Kingston

At a Church Meeting Sept 22. 1784

Brother Jackson Reports that he went to Bro. Chittle & his Wife, & reports that they were both very lame, & uncapable of attending their duty in this place, & other part of the Message not being compleated, the Messengers are desired to finish it against next Church Meeting, & make their report

Brother Hasted reports, that Sister Lloyds Executors desire the Church to desist for a little time from further Proceedings

The Case of Sis. Henshaw referred to next Church Meeting.

The Case of Bro. Judson be referred to ye next Church Meeting

The Case of Bro. Cherry be referred to ye next Ch. Meeting

Brother Jackson & Bro. Hanks reported that they have compleated their Lists, as far as they can

Brother Robert Plympton & Hasted, make the same report, It is agreed that we desire our Brethren who have ye remainder of the s^d. Lists (of Subscription,) to Compleat their Lists as soon as possible; & that Bro. Caleb Smith be desired to Copy the names of the Subscribers & their Subscriptions in a New Book.

Agreed that our Brethren the Deacon's be desired to take care of the Subscriptions ~~for the next Quarter~~, & that Bro. Nath. Hasted & that Bro. Ab. Felsted be desired to begin the next Quarter.

Agreed that Bro. Felsted. Bro. Hasted & Deacon do Settle Bro. Hookers Account.

Nathl Hasted
Caleb Smith
Richd Jackson
Sam: Chadicott
Josiah Hall

John Ashworth
Robt Plimpton
Michael Dean
Hanks
Hanford

h- Mathis
ph Hanks

[illegible] from the other side, Continued this 2d. of Oct. 1740

Agreed that the Branch be Clean'd & put up, as soon
as Conveniently can, & Bro: Bodicoat be desir'd to do it

John Ashworth

Robt Pierpoint
Natht: Hasted
Sam: Bodicoat
Henry Howard
Joseph Hanks
Jno Hawkins
Nath Gibson
David James
John [illegible]
Mich Deane

At a Church Meeting Oct. 20. 17[illegible]

Brō. Nat, Hasted reports that he has seen Brō Chitte to whom he delivered his Message & has recd a satisfactory answer.

The Case of Sister Loydd is referred to the next Church Meeting

The Case of Sister Henshaw is referr'd to y next Church Meeting

Brō: Bodicoat reports that he has been with Brō. Judson & he has promised to make good his place.

The Case of Brō. Cherry is referr'd to the next Church Meeting but it being difficult to meet with him, it is farther agreed that any of our Brethren that may see him, do admonish him of the Church's order.

Brother Hasted reports that they have settled Brō. Hooker's Accō. who recd of Brō. Deane what was wanting to pay to the Rent of this Meeting to Lady day last, & that there is now remains due from this Church to Brō. Deane. Nine pounds. 16. 10½

Brō. Bodicoat ~~reports~~ reports that he has Compleated his List,

Agreed that Brō. Thomas Tucker be summoned to next Church Meeting for Long Neglect of duty & that Brō. Colley & Brō. Hasted be the Messengers

Brō. Howard reports that he has compleated his List

Agreed that Brō. George Felsted be admonished to make good his place, & that Brō. ~~Carter~~ Hasted & Brō. Rob. Plympton be the messengers.

Agreed that Brō. Peter Norman be summoned to next Church Meeting & that Brō. Hooker & Brō. Bennoit be y Messengers.

Agreed that Brō. Ab. Francis do order half a Chaldron of Coals for the use of the Church.

Agreed that Brō. Rob. Plympton & Brō Nat. Hasted be desired to Examine what repairs are Necessary to be done to y meeting & make their report to y Church

Carried to the Contra side

Nov. 24. Brought from the other side

A Letter from Door Benj. Avery to desire this Church to return two deputies with their Names & places of abode

Agreed that We return two Deputies & that Brs. Abm Felsted & Michael Deane be returned our Deputies for the Year Ensuing

Agreed that two persons be desired to take care of Brs Gallops in the Meeting, & that Brs Nathe Gibson & his Wife, be desired to take care thereof.

Agreed that Mr Neale have a Letter from Mr Pitkin to Mr Downing relating to Mr Buckland dated Oct. 17. 1739.

Agreed that we have a Register Book for the Use of the Church

Brother Kingsnorth desired as Brs. John Tibbe is dead, that his Acct. as Treasurer to Peirce John Estate be Audited, & that agreed Brs Plumb our Brethren & Deacons, Brs Hanks, Brs Jones & Brs. Bennit, be the Auditors

Agreed that there be a Sermon on the 25th Inst. Decem: at this place & at the same time a Collection for the poor

The Clerk is desired to give notice of the Meeting

David James
Nath: Hooker
Dan: Barker

John Ashworth.
Robt Pimpton
Nath. Hastied.
Sam: Bodicott
Thos: Kingsnorth
Henry Howard
Richd Jackson
Joseph Hanks
Jabez Jones
[illegible]

Church Meeting Nov

24 1740

Sister Elizabeth Priestly ~~Chettle~~ Wilds acquainted us that her Father was dead, after a long & expensive Illness, & has left her Mother in very low & poor Circumstances & desires the Church to allow her something Weekly for a support, It is agreed that we desire two of our Brethren to examine into the State of the Case, & That Brother Robt Plympton & Bro. Thos. Kingsnorth be the Messengers The Case of Sister Loxdon refer'd to next Church Meeting

The Case of Sis Hanshaw refer'd to next Church Meet.

The Messengers sent to Bro George & related report that he made a promising excuse for present, & promis'd in a little time to make good his Place

Bro. Hooker & Bro. Bennett report that Bro. Peter Hosman, pleads want of Clothes, w being taken into Consideration & not thought a sufficient excuse, the same Messengers are desired go again & a let him, Clothem know if he don't make good his Place y Church will Withdraw from him

Bro Robt Plympton reports that they have examin'd what repairs are Necessary, ~~& have examin'd into~~ & find only Light of Glass wants repairing, & a little Tileing Agreed that the above Necessary repairs be done out of hand

At the Church Meeting of Decr. 22. 1740

Continued on the other side

Brother Nath[ll] Gibson acquainted us that thro' badness of Trade he is in very bad Circumstances & that his goods will be seized by the Landlord without the Church gives him some relief

Agreed that we return for answer that the Church is not in a condition to pay the rent, but in case he wants any present Relief he is desired to apply to our Brethren the Deacon's

John Ashworth
Caleb Smith
Ro[bt] Pennington
Nath[ll] Hasted.
Richd Jackson
John - Matfin
Jenkin Jones
David James
Nich Dean

At a Church Meeting Dec 22
1740.

Sister Mary Smith being very poor Desires application
to have some Relief from the Church, It is
Agreed that her Case be referd to our Brethren
the Deacons.

Brother Robert Plympton reports that he has
been wth Sister Sherlette, & that She is very poor, It is
Agreed that her Case be referd to our Bro^r the
Deacons

The Case of Sis^r Loyd being taken into consid-
=eration, It is agreed that she be Summond to make
good her place, wch if she neglects any longer
her duty therein the Church will withdraw
from her & that Bro^r Plympton & Bro^r Hasted
be the Messengers

The Case of Sis^r Kenshaw is referd to the next
Church Meeting

The Case of Peter Norman referd to next
Church Meeting

The Case of Sis^r Tucker referd to the
next Church Meeting.

Brother Robert Plympton reports that they
have audited the Acc^t of Capt Pierce Junr Estate
& found it right, & all the Money owing
distributed

Agreed that Bro^r N. Hasted & Bro^r Jackson
be desired to take care of the Subscriptions for
the Next Quarter, & that Members be acquainted
with it next Lords day,

Richd Jackson

Sam[l] Bodicout

Henry Howard

Tho[s] Kingsnath

David Jamey

Joseph Hanks

At a Church Meeting Janr. 19. 1744

Brother Nath. Hasted reports that Sis. Lloyd gives for answer that she dont design to come among us, She being told wth. her husband Agreed the said Sis. Lloyd for long neglect of duty & refusing to make good her place, be withdrawn from

The case of Sis. Shaw be referred to y next Church Meet.

The case of Peter Norman referred to y next Ch. Meeting

The Case of Sis. Tucker referred to y next Church Meeting

Agreed that the National Fast on y 4. of Feb. y next, be Observ'd in this Church to begin about 10. o'Clock in y morning,

Agreed that in case Br. Morris make's any overtures to Joyn this Church to carry on the Quest on Feb. 4. That we do Accept of this joint assistance

Agreed that leave be given in this place to carry on the Weekly Meeting for Prayer

Br. Hingsworth reports that on Tuesday last Bro. Michael Deane, was Chosen into the Trust of Capt. Pierce Johns, by the Unanimous Consent of the other Trustees,

Agreed Bro. Deane have thanks of this Church for accepting the s. Trust

Agreed that Bro. Callow & Bro. Hanks be desired to take care of the deficiency during y time of their providing for the Ministry, in order to Reimburse Mr. Callow,

John Ashworth.

Abra. Teleted.
Caleb Pusk

At a Church Meeting 16 Feb. 1740 Die Lunæ

The Case of Sist. Horsman referd to next Ch. meeting

The Case of Peter Horsman referd

Agreed nem Con. That Tho. Tucker be acquainted that if he doe not appear to give the Ch. next Ch. meeting satisfaction for his long neglect of Duty that they will withdraw from him & the Case proceed be done to acquaint him

Agreed that Bro Jackson & Bro Hailes be desired to peruse ye amplight out of the mony Collected for Rent & Taxes

John Ashworth.
Robt Kimpton
Richard Jackson
Tho. Heingworth
Nath. Halsted
Joseph Hanks
Moses Colley
Nath Gibson
Jon: Jones
Wm Hill
Caleb Smith

The Church Meeting of March 23 Continued

The Messengers having delivered their Message to Thomas Tucker & he not appearing, Agreed that this Church do for long Neglect of duty Withdraw from him, pursuant to the Resolution of Feb. 16. last, And he accordingly Withdrawn from

Agreed that Bror Hasted & Bror Bodicoat be desired to Collect the Subscriptions for next Quarter

Agreed that no person be admitted a spectator without order of the Church

Agreed that the Pump be repaired

John Ashworth.
Robert Crimpton
Nath.l Hasted.
Richd Jackson
Henry Howard
Nath.l Gibson
Rich.d Pickering
Moses Colly
Joseph Hanks
Seth Dean
Caleb Bilbe

1st Church Meeting March 23. 1710

The Case of Sister Monshaw referr'd to next Church Meeting

The Case of Peter Hoxman referr'd to next Church Meeting

Sister Clarke, being very poor & Aged make Application to the Church for some relief, It is Agreed that her case be referr'd to our Brethren the Deacons

Mr Lawrence brt. from the Widow of Mr Wm Plympton the Policy of Insurance of the Meeting House so it was deposited in his Hands, As also a List of Several Debts due to ye. Mr Plympton deceas'd Amounting to Thirteen pounds four Shillings & 4d½, Agreed that this affair be Considered the next Church Meeting

Messengers from the Church in Virginia Street Under the care of Mr Randall, to desire to know if Susana Hubbard be in full Communion with this Church,

Agreed that we return for Answer that she is in full Communion with us,

Mr Cha. Durell made application to have Communion with this Church, Agreed that Messengers be appointed to enquire into his Life & Conversation, & return their Answer by next Ch. Meeting & Bro Bennet & Bro Ab. Holmes be the Messengers.

Agreed that there be a Collection for the Fund on the 2. Sunday in April next

Bro Caleb Smith desires his Acct. may be Audited & that Bro Plympton & Bro. May be desired to pay the Bro What Money remains in their Hands

Voted to the Widow Hide

A Church Meeting held 20.17

Brother Joseph Askew making application to renew his Communion with this Church, acknowledged in some Measure his Fault but hopes by divine assistance to act as becomes the Gospel

Agreed that we return for answer, that it is very agreeable to us to find a disposition in him to fill up his place Worthily, but that the Church desire a month or two for his further trial, & to give them time to be satisfyed of his present Life & Conversation

The case of Sister Horshaw referred to next Church Meeting

The case of Peter Horsman referred to next Church Meeting

Brs. Abr. Francis, the Messenger to Enquire after Chas. Dunell's character, return for answer that he has a Character of a very sober honest man & of a good Life & Conversation, & formerly a Member of the Church at Nottingin Dunning alley

Agreed y^t on the application of Brr Chas Dunell & the character given of him, We do receive him into Communion with this Church

Whereas the Church is in debt to the Executrix of Mrs Plympton deceas'd & several other persons, it is agreed that proper Measures be taken for the discharging the said debts, & that Brr. Caleb Smith, Brr. Robt. Plympton, Brr Mathins, & Brr. Deane do prepare a List to Lay before the Church at a General Church Meeting on the 24 of May Next

The Church Meeting of Appeal 20. 7th. Mo.

Agreed Messengers be sent to Brō. May to desire
him to pay What Money Remains in his hands
that Belongs to the Poor, And Brō. Kenjamin
& Brō Boldicoat do Acquaint him of it, and
at the same time to let him know That the
Church desires him to attend at a General
Church Meeting wch will be on the 24. of
May Next

John Ashworth.
Caleb Smith
Robt Priston
Nath. Hurd.
Sam: Boldicoat
Tho: Kenyonth
Joseph Hanks
Josiah Holley
Nath. Gibson
Michael Dean

At a Generall Church Meeting 24 May 1741

Agreed That Bro^r Kingsmith & Bro^r Bodicoat be the Messengr to Summon Bro^r Jno May to ye next Generall Ch^h Meeting being 21 June next for not appearing at this Ch^h Meeting

The Debt of the Ch^h being layd before them Agreed that the said Debt be p^d And that there be Comittee appointed to Consider of some Method or Scheme to pay and Discharge them (vizt) Mr Callow Meshach Hanks Skinner Powell Jones Wheeler Plumpton jun^r & Gibbs & the Deacons

Agreed that the Collection for the Poore that is dew be altred from the first to ye 2^d Lords day after breaking bread

John Ashworth.
Robt Plumpton
Nath^ll Hasled.
Henry Howard
Richd Jackson
Thos Kingsmith
Saml Bodicoat
Joseph Hanks
John Clarke.
David James
Thos Higgins
Jno Hawkins

Att a Generall Church Meeting 21 June 1741

The Case of Brō May being taken into Consideration and debated and it appearing he has been guilty of a very great misdemeanor in Converting & detaining to his owne use the Sum of 12. 6 4ᵈ which he was intrusted with for the use of the Poore

Whereupon a motion was made & the Question being putt that Brō May be for his said offence Suspended from the Office of a Deacon of this Ch. past in the Affirmative Nem Con

a motion being made & the Question putt That if any member of this Ch. be left in trust for or with any Legacy Sum or Sums of money bequeathed to this Ch or the Poore thereof that they give notice of it to y Ch the very first opportunity & take their direcōn in y distribution of the same Past in y Affirmative nem Con.

Agreed that to prevent any inconvenience to the Ch that the Accōts thereof be settled once every yeare

Agreed that next Lords day we begin the Subscription for payment of the Debts of this Ch

Jos Askew making application to be rec'd & admitted to his Com in this Ch agreed that he be admitted to his Com

John Ashworth.
Robt Kimpton
Henry Howard
Sam: Sodicott
Richd Pickering
Henry Shinner
Caleb Smith
Robt Plimpton
Jon: Jones
Nath: Hasted
Danl: Green
Joseph Hanks
Robert Powell
Richard Willey
Benjamin Hanks
Thos Higgins
Jno Hawkins
Richd Jackson

At a Church Meeting 20th July 1741

Agreed that Bro[r] Hooper & Abra[m] Francis be desired once more to goe to Peter Horsman & let him know that if he does not appeare to give the Ch: satisfaction for his long neglect of Duty that the Ch will peremptorily withdraw from him

Agreed that Bro[r] Smith be desired to goe to Jn[o] Walker & let him know that if he does not appear the next Ch meeting to give the Ch satisfaction for his long neglect of his Duty that the Ch will peremptorily withdraw from him

Agreed that Bro[r] Hasted & Bro[r] Francis be desired to admonish him a second time to make good his place in the Ch (Gro Felsted)

Agreed that Bro[r] Holdsworth & Abr[m] Francis be desired to let John Roberts once more know that if he does not appear to give the Ch satisfaction for his long neglect of his Duty that the Ch will peremptorily withdraw from him

Agreed that the members be acquainted next Lords Day after Breading that they be desired to subscribe to discharge the Debt of the Ch to prevent Messengers being sent to their houses

John Holdsworth.
Nath[l] Hasted
Caleb Smith
John Mat[th]
Joseph Hanks
David Jams

At a Church Meeting Aug.st 24: 1743.

Bro Roberts appearing & acknowledging his fault & Sorrow for the neglect of his Duty Agreed Wee doe waite upon him & observe his behaviour for the future

The Case of Peter Hoffman referred to next Ch meeting at the Desire of The Messenger

Bro.r Smith reported that he had been with Jn.o Walker to admonish him to appear before the Ch. for his neglect of duty Cum that returned the Ch thanks for the signs of his & promises he would make good his failures Agreed that doe waite on him another month to observe his Conduct

The Case of Gro Frohlich be referred till next Ch meeting

Agreed that there a List be made out of all those members that have not subscribe towards paying the Debts of the Ch. And that next Lords day notice be given to them that have not subscribe to doe it And that they be informed there will be a collection at the breaking breaking of bread after the Sermon

Agreed that Bro Dean be desired to renew the Insurance on the meeting house & that he doe putt Bro Rob.t Pluncketts name with him Defe in the Policy

Agreed that Brother Plimpton & Callow be desired to attend at y.e meeting of Trustees to hear the Deeds read to morrow at 2 a clock

John Ashworth.
Richd: Jackson
Tho.s Kingsnorth
Nath.l Thasted
Caleb Smith
Sam.l Bodicoat

Sep 21. 1741. Continued from the Opposite Side

John Ashworth
Nath: Rasled
Tho: Hungerford
Richd Jackson
Robt Plimpton
Henry Howard
Michael Deany
Joseph Hanks
Wm Hill
Jenn: Jones
David James

Gt Church Meetng Sep. 21. 1711

Messengrs from a Church under the care of Mr Hannington in Southwark to this Church to know if Bro: John Gould is in full Communion wth us. It is agred that we return for answer that the S^d John Gould is in full Communion wth us & that we have nothing to Object to his Moral Conversation

The case of Geo. Telsted referd to ye next Ch. Meetng

Bro^r Deane reports that he has removed the Incumbrancy of the Meetng House, in his Robt Plympton senior & his own Name & that he has paid £1. 13. 5 for the same

The case of Peter Hearman is referd to the next Church Meetng

Agreed that Bro^r Jenkin Jones, Bro^r Robt Plympton Junr. & Bro^r Deane be our Messengers to the Synod for the year Ensuing

Agreed that Bro^r Robt Plympton be desired to take care of the Subscriptions for the next Y^r

Agreed that Bro^r Robt Plympton & Bro^r Jones be desired to go to Jno Cherry & let him know y^t in case he don't make good his place, the Church will Withdraw from him

Agreed that Bro^r Ashworth have leave to put up some Books in the Vestry Room

Bro^r Robt Plympton Desired that his Acct. of Money left by Capt Jos. Bawdrip for ye use of the poor of this Church may be audited

Agreed that Bro^r Smith, Bro^r Callow, Bro^r Hasted & Bro^r Jackson Bro^r Bodicoat be ye audito

Oct. 19. 1741. The Church Meeting Continued

John Ashworth
Caleb Sun[illegible]
Robt Plimpton
Nath[l] Hasted.
Richd Jackson
Joseph Hanks
Michael Dean

Robt Plimpton Junor

Ch Church Meeting Oct. 19. 1741

The case of Geo. Felstead referd to y next church Meeting

The case of Lett. Horsman referd to y next church Meeting

Bro. John Cherry appeard & has promised to make good his Place

Agreed that Bro: Robt Plympton Bro. Hasted Bro Jackson, Bro. C. Smith. Bro Hanks Bro. Robt. Plympton Junr & Bro. Deane do attend Mr Lawrence this Evening in order to settle Mrs Plympton Acct.

Agreed that Bro. Caleb. Smith, Bro Howard & Bro. Hanks do pay Mrs Plympton,

Agreed that We chuse Deputies for Management of our Civil affairs

Agreed that Bro. John Barton & Bro Mich. Deane be returnd our deputies for the Year Ensuing

Agreed that our Brethren that have the Care of the Lists do Compleat them against Next Church Meeting

Bro. Robt Plympton Junr reports that his Wife desires to remove her Communion from the Church under the Pastoral Care of Bro Braithwaite In Downshire Square

Agreed that Bro. Jackson & Bro. Hasted be desired to go & Enquire Whether She is in full Communion

A Church Meeting Nov.r 23.. 1741

Brother Caleb Smith reports that they have Settled Mrs Plympton's Account & paid her Eight pounds eighteen shillings & C, in full for the Ballance of Accot due to her late Husband Mr Plympton

Agreed that Bro.r Hooker & Bro.r Francis be Messengers to Peter Hosman, to warn him to our Next Church Meeting & to let him that in Case he don't Attend, that the Church will withdraw from him

Messengers from the Church in Devonshire Square, under the Pastoral Care of Bro.r Braithwaite to know, if Sis.r Mary Phipps be in full Communion with this Church

Agreed that we return for Answer that she is in full Communion with us

Mr Joseph Wheelwright making application to this Church for Communion, a Letter being read from Mr S. Harrop, giving Testimonials of his having Baptized him by Immersion, and of his unblemished Character

It is agreed that he be received into Communion with this Church

Bro.r Ab.m Francis having paid several Bills for the Church's Acc.t to the Amount of £. 1. 4. 5½

Agreed that Bro.r Hasted be desired to pay the £. £ 1. 4. 5½

The Church Meeting of Nov.r 23d 1741 Continued

The Messengers sent to the Church under the pastoral Care ~~under the pastoral Care~~ of Bro.r Braithwaite; do report That Sis.r Mary Plympton the Younger, is in full Communion wth that Church

Agreed that we receive the said Sis.r Plympton into Communion with this Church

The Affair of the Subscriptions being taken into Consideration, A New List was begun of Additional Subscriptions, & Considerable progress made therein, Agreed that Bro.r Hanks Bro.r Jackson, Bro.r Jones, Bro.r Howard, be desired to Compleat the Above affair with all possible Expedition

Agreed that Bro.r R Plymton & Bro.r Hasted do Inspect the Gutters, & order Necessary repairs.

Nath.ll Bacon
Wm Abbott
Jon.a Jones
David James
Michael Deany

John Ashworth.
Robt Kimpton
Caleb Smalls
Richd Jackson
Henry Howard
Nath.ll Hasted
Joseph Hanks
Wm Hill
Rob.t Gibbs
Rob.t Plimpton Junr
John Clarke
Rich.d Pickering
William Waddy

(Att) A Church Meeting Decemr 21st 1741

The Messengers sent to Peter Horsmeen not being able to find him It is Agreed that his Case be referred to next Ch meeting

It being reported of Jos Holley that he guilty of Drunkenness & whereupon it is Agreed that Bro Robt Plimpton be desired to warn him into our next Ch. meeting & that he be desired to forbear his Com

Bro Hawke reporting that Elizt Green (wife of Dan Greene) a member of this Ch. that she desires to remove her Com from the Ch at Lime & be under the Care of Bro Rees It is Agreed that Bro Hawke & Bro Jones doe goe to y Sd Ch. to know if she stands in full Communion with them

Agreed that Bro Hawke be desired to take care of the Subscription for next quarter

Agreed that noe Pews be disposed of without y Consent of the Ch

Agreed that Bro Hasted be desired to pay Bro Smith and Bro Rob Plimpton their respective debts they being here present (viz) 10 0 4/4 & Bro Plimpton 7. 16/

10 1 1/4
9 3
0 4/4

John Ashworth.
Caleb Smith
Nath. Hasted.
Robt Plimpton
Tho: Kingsnorth
Joseph Hanks

1st Church Meeting Janr. 25. 1741/2

The case of Peter Horsman referd to the next Church Meeting

Brother Hanks reports that he has not had an opportunity to goe to Lime House to make enquiry after Mr. Grant's Character, It is referd to the next Ch. Meeting

Agreed that Br. Jos. Clarke & Rob. Abbot have leave to sit in Mr. Corderoys late Bathurst's Pew

Agreed that Joseph Holley be Summond in to the next Church Meeting, & that Br. Bodicoat be the Messenger.

Agreed that our Brethren the Deacons be desired to examine the Subscriptions for Rent & Taxes to, see What Addition can be made to it, and to make their Report next Ch. Meeting.

John Ashworth
Caleb Smith
Robert Plimpton
Nath[l] Hasted
Thos. Kingsmith
Sam[l] Bodicoat
Joseph Hanky
Jno Hawkins
Nath[l] Gibson
Rich[d] Pickering
Michael Deny

At a Church Meeting 22 February 1741/2

The Mo[ther]s from Stock in Devonshire Square under the Care of Mr Dawks to know if we have ought ag[ain]st Sist[e]r Ann Wharton she making aplicaha to that Ch for Com[mu]n

Agreed that this answer be returned that she doe stand a member with us & that we have nothing ag[ain]st her but long neglect of Duty

Bro[th]r Holley appearing and acknowledging his fault in being drunk & that he do be admonished for his sins and he being admonished & the Question being put that he be [illegible] Passed in the affirmative

Agreed that we doe waite on Peter Hosmans Persons this

Agreed that Bro Hanks be desired to get us what releife he can in the Lamps Tax

Agreed that next Lords day night there be a generale Ch meeting to lay before them the State of our affairs relating to the debts how & w[he]r we have proceeded and what is still wanting with relation to the Rent & Taxes & repair

Agreed that the Deacons with Bro Dean be desired to prepare the accots to be laid before them

John Ashworth
Caleb Smith
Robt Kimpton
Nath[ll] Hasted.
Tho. Kingsmith
Joseph Hanks
Henry Skinner
Rich[d] Pickering
Nath[ll] Gibson
Jos: Wheelwright

Mch 7. March

The Members not staying the Generale meeting offered like another opportunity

At a Church Meeting 22 March 1742

Bro: Hare appeared in behalfe of his wife for relief It is agreed that her Case be referred to the Deacons and that he be desired to apply to the Parish where he lives.

A Motion being being made that noe person be settled as a weekly Pensioner but must apply first to the Ch. It past in ye Affirmative

Agreed that Bro Smith be desired to pay Six pounds towards 3 qu^r^ of Rent for this meeting place due 25th Inst and this Church will repay him in halfe a yeare

Agreed that there be a Collection for the Fund the 3 Lord Day in ye next month

Agreed that Brother Caleb Smith be desired to take care of the Subscriptions for next quarter.

John Cashwell
Jam^s^ Howard
Tho: Kingsmith
Joseph Hanks
Jon: Jones
Richd Jackson
Wm Hill
John Clarke

Apr. 19. 1741.

When there should have been a Church meeting
Adjourned to next month.

At a Church Meeting May 24th 1742.

Brother Caleb Smith reports that he has paid
Six pounds, as desired the last Church Meeting
Agreed that the Vault be Emptied
Agreed ~~that~~ Brot. Caleb Smith, Bro. Wm Abbot
Bro. Henry Howard, Bro. Sam Bodicoat, & Bro.
Br. Francis to take the care of the Emptying the
said Vault & as soon as Conveniently they can
Agreed that at Church Meeting We take into
Consideration, Whether we ~~Continue~~ agree to have
the Church Meetings Continued on Monday Evenings
& that We Consider the affair of Rent & Taxes

John Ashworth
Caleb Smith
Nath[l] Hasted.
Tho. Kingsnath
Michael Dean

At a Church Meeting July. 19. 1742

Agreed that the Church Meeting be altered to
the Lords day Evening, before the day of
Breaking Bread

The affair of the Rent & Taxes be
referd to the Next Church Meeting

John Bushworth
Caleb Smith
Robt Hampton
Nathl. Hawled
Tho: Kingsmith
Joseph Hanks
Richd Dickering

Michael Dean

(Att) A Church Meeting 22 Aug 1742 .. Die Dom

A motion being made and the Question being putt that there be a Subscription for the Rent & Taxes, 20 pci and also for the Debt of the Ch. and that the Subscription be now taken

Agreed that there be a Comittee to manage this affairs, and that Bro Skinner Bro Powell : Jones Gibbs & Hancock with Deacons & all the Deacons be the Comtee

Agreed that Bro Natt Gibbs be chosen to looke after & cleane the Meeting in the Roome of Abra Francis who hath resigned the office

Agreed that the next Ch meeting we take into consideration the State of the members be taken into consideration that are negligent

John Ashworth.
Nath: Hased
Robt Hampton
Sam: Bodicott
Henry Howard
Thos Kingsmill
Caleb Smith
Joseph Hanks
Henry Skener
Jos Gibbs
Benjn Hanks
Richard Jackson
Jen: Jones
Robert Powell

(Att) Pl Church Meeting 20th Sept 1742 Die Dom

Agreed That the Brethren concerned in the Lists of Subscriptions for the Debt & Rent Taxes be desired to complete the same as soone as possible

Agreed That Bro Hasted be desired for next quarter to take care of the Subscriptions for the Minister &c

Agreed That Sist Lydia Cripps be rec'd into our Com by Vertue of a Letter of Recommendation from the Church at Morcott in Rutlandshire

Agreed That Bro Smith be desired to acquaint Sist Walker That she doe appear at next Ch meeting & in Case she doth not the Ch will peremptorily withdraw from her

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John Ashworth
Robt Kimpton
Tho: Kingsmeth
Nath: Hasted
Henry Howard
Richd Jackson
Robt Simpson
Joseph Hanks
John Clarke
Jno Hawkins
Jen: Jones
Richd Pickering
David James
Caleb Timbrell

A Church Meeting
October 24. 1742

Brother Caleb Smith reports that Bror. John Walker, has promised to make good his Place

Agreed that the Money Collected for the Widr. of our late Pastor Mr John Ashworth be paid her forthwith, & that Bror. Joseph Wheelwright & Michael Deane be appointed to pay it her

Agreed that we Provide a Minister to preach twice every Lords day, & that we do Allow the said Minister, till Xmas ten shills a day

Agreed that What remains over and above the £. 10. a day for the paying a Minister shall be applyd for the Use & Benefit of the Widow Ashworth, out of the Subscription to the Minister, (till Xmas Next)

Agreed that Mr Baron be desired to supply preach for this Congregation once a fortnight & that Mr Wheelwright & Mich. Deane do Acquaint him with the Church's request

Agreed that Bror. Knigsworth, Hanks, & Deane, do Provide a Minister for the days that Mr Baron's don't attend

Agreed that our breaking of Bread be deferrd to the last Lords day in the next Month

At Church Meeting of Oct 24. Continued

Agreed that Case of the Rents & Taxes be
Referr'd to the Next Church Meeting

Agreed that Brs. Rob.t Plympton & Brs. Jos.
Hanks, be desired to go to Mr Blackwell
to Settle the affair of the Land Tax

Agreed that we request Mr Baron to be
requested to preach a Sermon on the Last
day Appointed (by the King) for w.ch we
allow him half a Guinea & Brs.
Kingsnorth Hook & Deane, do wait
upon him,

Agreed that in case it don't suit Mr Baron
to preach for us on the Last day Appointed
by Public Authority, that this Church
do Join w.th our Brethren of the Church
at Barbican

Josias Allcock

Caleb Smith
Robert Kimpton
Nath.l Masted.
Richd Jackson
Joseph Hanks
Jon.a Jones
Wm Hooker
Robt Plimpton
John Clarke
Wm Abbott
Jno Hawkins
Michael Dean

At a Church Meeting Nov. 21. 1742

Agreed that the Case of the Rent & Taxes be
referd to the Next Church Meeting, against wch.
time our Brethren the Deacons be desired to write
out a List of ~~all that~~ what is already Subscribed

Agreed that the affair of Mr Blackwell be referd
to the Next Church Meeting

Mr. Deane reports that Mr Barnes has complyed
with the Church's request to preach once a fortnight
till Xmas Next

Agreed that Mr Randall be desired to break
Bread for this Church the Next Lords day.

Agreed that 2 Iron Shutters be put up to the
Windows by the Pulpit & Bro. Abbot be desired
to put em up

Agreed that Mr Bulkley be desired to preach
for this Congregation once a fortnight & that
Bro. Hanks & Deane do acquaint him with the
Churches request

Agreed that there be a Sermon preached at this
place the 25 of decem. Next,

Agreed that Bro Jno. Wheelright & Mach. Deane
be our Deputies for the Next Year, for the
Management of the Civil affairs of the Protestant
Dissenters.

John Clarke — Caleb Smith: Chairman
Jno Hawkins — Robt Stimpson
Nath. Hosted.
Richd Jackson
Josias Allcock — Robt Stimpson
Robt Powell — Wm Abbott
Joseph Hanks

At a Church Meeting Dec 19 1742

Our Brethern the Deacons have made Some progress in the affair of the rent & taxes but have not yet Compleated it therfore refer'd to next Church meeting

agree'd the following bretheren be Desire'd to waite on mr Randall mr morris mr fry mr Hanks to request them to assist this Church in Breaking of Bread and in case they refuse to know there Reasons

Bro th Jean Hanks Powell Plimpton Howard Kello Plimpton Gu r

agre: d y t Brother Jean & Hanks Do waite on mr Barom & mr Bulkley to Desire y m to assist this Church in the work of the ministry and y t we Do allow y m fifteen shillings a Day

agre d y t we Desire Brothr Jackson to take the Subscripions for the minister and rent and taxes for the next quarter

mr thorogood and his wife mr Clift & mr Crookendon making request to have the pew in which they Set agreed y t they have the use of it

Josiah Stollt applying to be restord to his place in the Church agre d y t we Do not by yet receive him

Caleb Smith
Robert Plimpton
Nath: Hasted
Joseph Hanks
Thos Leggins
Josias Allcock
Benjmin Hanks
Wm: Blackborow
Robert Powell
John Walker
Jno Hawkins

At a Church Meeting Jan 23 1742

agred y Broth Howard be requested to pay half a years Rent for the meeting

the affair of the Rent & taxes to be refare

agree y Bro th Kingsnoth & Hanks be Desir d to request m r Harrison or m r morris to assist this Church in Breaking Bread next Lords Day

a.

Caleb Smith
Robt Kimpton
Nath ll Hasled
Tho s Kingsnoth
Joseph Hanks
Robt Simpson
Wm Abbott
John Clarke
Jen : Jones
Benj am Hanks
Tho s Higgins
In o Hawkins

At a Church Meeting Feb. 20. 1774

Agreed that the Hair of the Rent and Taxes be referred to the Next Church Meeting

Agreed that Bro: Kingsmith & Bro: Hanks be desired to ~~Request~~ Provide a Minister to Break Bread for us next Lords Day.

Agreed that we send Messengers to the Fund this Year & Brother Hanks & Bro: Deane be the Messengers

Agreed that there be a General Church Meeting, this day fortnight, to think of some proper person for a Minister & that Notice be given next Lords day

Caleb Smith
Robert Kimpton
Nath: Hasted
Joseph Hanks
John Walker
Jen: Jones
Robert Powell
Jno Hawkins
Josias Allcock
Michael Deane
Dan Kimpton

At a Church Meeting March. 6. 1742

Agreed the Minister that may be chose, be on the same footing we chose the last Mr John Ashworth

Agreed that no person be admitted as a Member of this Church, but what shall be Baptized by Immersion

Agreed the choice of a minister be defer'd till some farther time

Agreed that this day Month we do proceed to the choice of a minister

Caleb Smith
Robert Plimpton
Sam: Goodrich
Nath[l] Hasted.
John Walker
Richd Jackson
Richd Farmer,
Wm Abbott
John Clarke
Wm Hill
Jno Hawkins

At a Church-Meeting

March the 20, 1742/3

Messengers from Mill Yard, under the pastoral care of Mr Randall, to know of Bro: Richard Pickering, be in full Communion with us,

Agreed that we return for Answer that, ~~that~~ he is in full Communion with us,

Agreed that the affair of the Rent & Taxes, be referd to the next Church Meeting.

Agreed that Bro: John Hawkins be desired to Collect the Subscriptions for the next Quarter

Agreed that Bro: Kingsmouth & Bro: Deanes act: as Trustees to Capt. Peirce John's Estate,

as Also ~~Mr Howard~~ Mr Howards acct. of the last Quarter, Subscriptions, to be audited & y^t all our Brethren the Deacons, & Bro: Replynton Jun Bro: Jones, Bro: Walker, Bro: Gibbs, Bro: Hawkins Bro: Callow, Bro: Farmer, be the auditors

Agreed that we Chuse two Representatives to meet the rest of (the representatives) in case they meet to carry the agreement of this Church in the Year 1726,

Agreed that Bro: Caleb Smith & Bro: Joseph Hanks be our Representatives

Agreed that it is our opinion that the resolution of the year 1726. is Agreeable to Capt. Peirce Johns will. Vid Jrb 18 Oct 3. 1024 26 & Jrb 6 & that year

A Letter being Read, from Doc. Dan'l Scott
giving Mr Bulkley a Character as Behaving
worthy of his Christian profession —

Agreed that we receive Mr Buckley into
Communion with this Church (if he thinks fit

Agreed that we take into Consideration
the Collection for the Fund the next Church Meet

Caleb Smith
Robt Plimpton
Nath: Hasted.
Robt Plimpton
John Walker
Joseph Hawks
Jno Hawkins
Jere: Jones
Michael Dean
&

2d Gen.ll Church Meeting April 3d 1743

A Quiction being put, Whether we do come
to a Choice of a Minister, & that the Choice
be either, Mr Baron, or Mr Bulkley
pass'd in the affirmative

The above persons being put to the Vote
viz. Mr Baron, & Mr Bulkley
the Majority of hands was for Mr
Bulkley, & Accordingly he is declared
duly Elected as Pastor of this Congregation

Mr Bulkley was called in and acquainted
with the Church's Choice, for wch he returns
his thanks & desires some time to consider
of it, & will return his Answer in fourteen
day's.

Caleb Trull's
Nath.ll Hasted.
Jn.o Hawkins
Wm Abbott
Jos. Fitch
Jos: Wheelwright
Benjamin Hanks
Tho.s Plimpton
John Walker
Michael Deane

At a Generale Ch Meeting 17 aprill 1743

Before Mr Bulkley give his Answer Agreed that he be told they Ch. ij
& holds the Doctrin of Generall Redemption or that Christ dide for all
men to which he replied that he way of his same wth standeth
And then Mr Bulkley gave his answer after making some apologies
that he doth accept of the Call of the Church
A motion being made that we proceed to the Choice of some Deacons
Agreed it be deffered till next Ch. meeting

Caleb Smith
Nath[ll] Hasted
Henry Howard
Thos Plimpton
John Walker
John Clarke
In[o] Hawkins
John Hayden
Joseph Hinks
Robert Page

1st Church Meeting

May. 22. 1743

Brs Caleb Smith reports that the persons appointed to Audit Brs Th. Kingsnorth's & Brs. Michael Deane's Accts as Trustees to Capt Peirce John's Estate, had Audited the said Accts & found it right,

Agreed that the affair of Rent & Taxes be referred to the next Church Meeting

Agreed that we Nominate two persons for the Offis of Deacons

Accordingly, Brs. Rob. Plympton Junior & Bro Jonthn Jones was Nominated, to be recommended at the next General Church Meeting

Agreed that there be a General Church Meeting this day fortnight, & that Notice be given from the Pulpit next Lords day

Agreed that Wednesday June 15. be appointed for the Ordination of an Elder & Deacons

Agreed that Mr Foster be desired to Administer the Lords Supper, next Lords day

Agreed that Brs Hands, Walker, Farmer, & Deane be desired to apply to some proper Ministers to officiate at the above Ordinations

Michael Deane Joseph Hand N. Farmer C. Bulkley.
John Walker Robert Hooper Robert Plimpton
Caleb Smith Daniel Green Nath. Hagod
Rob. Plimpton Junr
Jno Hunkins

A Church Meeting June 6. 1745

The Church being Acquainted that Brs Robert Plympton Junior, & Brs. Jonkin Jones were Nominated to the Office of Deacons

The Question being put. It was Agreed that Brs Robert Plympton Junior, & Brs Jonkin Jones be appointed Deacons

Nemine Contradicente

Agreed that Wednesday ye 15th of this Instant be appointed for the Ordination of Mr Bulkley to the office of an Elder, or Minister, & also for the Ordination of the above Brs to the office of Deacons.

Agreed that there be a Publick Dinner for our Brs. ye Assistants the S. Ordination & ye Brs. Jno Callow, Job. Gubb; R^d. Farmer & Jno Walker have the care of the S. Dinner

C. Bulkley
Nathl Hasked
Robert Plimpton
Henry Howard
Joseph Clark
John Walker
Caleb Smith
Robt Plimpton Junr
Jno Hawkins

At a Church Meeting June 19. 1743

Messengers from the Church in Horsly down under the pastoral care of Brs. Jury, to know if Brs. Tho. Kingsworth & his Wife were in full Communion with this Church

Agreed that we return for answer that ye s^d^. Brs. Tho. Kingsworth & his Wife are in full Communion with us.

A Letter from the Church Meeting at Canterbury under the pastoral Care of Brs. John Hobbs recommending sister Martha Cook as an Honble Member & in full Communion wth em

Agreed that by Virtue of the said Letter of recommendation, we receive the said Martha Cook into Communion with us

Bro^r^ Caleb Smith reports that he & Brs. Hanks met the rest of the Trustees & Representatives of Capt Peirce Johns. to hear the Deeds read, & upon hearing them read, they are of opinion that the deed made in the year 1726. is agreable to Capt. Peirce Johns Will: Vid. 20 Mar 1742/3

Joseph Hanks Agreed that the affair of the rent & Taxes be referd

ers allowd to the next Church Meeting

Mr. Hill Agreed that Brs. Jos. Hanks do take care of the Subscriptions for the Next Quarter

Brs John Walker reports that the Ordination dinner cost £9.6. of wch he has rec^d^ £5.8

Sob Gott Cl
Jno Hawkins

Nath Shimpton Junr
Jon: Jones
John Walker

C. Bulkley
Caleb Smith
Robt Hampton

At a Church Meeting July 24 1743

The Messengers of the Church of Christ in Barbycan under the pastorall Care of Mr Jos Bowers to know if Mr Skiner now Kept be in full Communion with this Church

Agr'd we return for answer that the Said Mr Kent is in full Communion with this Church

Agreed that Sist Sarah King proposing to this Ch: for her Com: which being debated & that She being Baptized by Mr Richardson and Sist James appearing gave her a good Character Agreed that She be received into our Com

Agreed that Bro Smith be desired to speak to the Parish Taxes upon the best Terms he can

Agreed that there be a List drawn out of the members and of those that are Different for the Minister & Poore & Rent & Taxes,

L. Bulkley
Caleb Smith
Robt Plimpton
Jen: Jones
Robt Plimpton Junr
Joseph Hanks
Nath.. Hasted.
Jno Hawkins

At a Church Meeting &c. Sep. 10. 1743

The Messengers of the Church of Christ at Horsly down under the Pastoral Care of Mr Jery to know of R.d Willey be in full Communion w.th this Church, Agreed that we return for Answer that the s.d R.d Willey is in full Communion w.th this Church

Bro.r Caleb Smith reports that he has paid all the parish Taxes but the Poor

A Letter of recommendation from the Church of Christ Meeting at Chafford Heath in the parish of Upminster in the County of Essex under the pastoral Care of Bro.r Ab. Nelson recommending Bro.r John Hammond as a Worthy Member & in full Communion w.th that Church, Agreed that by Vertue of the said L.r we receive y.e s.d John Hammond into Communion w.th this Church.

Agreed that Bro.r Hawkins be desired to take care of the Subscriptions for the next Quarter

Agreed that Bro.r Hanks & Bro.r Walker be desired to wait on the Comissioners of the Lamps to make an appeal

C. Balkley
Robt Kempton
Nath.l Harted
Henry Howard
Richard Jackson
Joseph Hanks

John Walker
Tol Gibbs
Will: Hookey
Michael Dean

At a Church Meeting Novem 20. 1745

Revd. Joseph Hunt reports that he has wasted
on the Commissioners of the Lamps, & that he
is informd by the Collector that the Rate is
altered from 20. a year to Eight

Agreed that Brs. Robert Plympton Junior
& Michael Deane be our Deputies for the
Management of the Civil affairs of the Protestant
Dissenters for the year Ensuing,

Agreed that a Subscription be begun for the
payment of the Church's debt —

Agreed that Michael Deane be desired to pay
the Church debt due to y Executrix of Mr. Caleb
× — Smith, deceas'd,

C. Bulkley
Robt Plimpton
Nath: Hasted
Robt Plimpton Junr
Jer: Jones
John Walker
Daniel Green
Will: Hooker
Henry Howard
Jno Hawkins
Joseph Hanks
John Clarke
Abraham Francis
Michael Deane

At a Church Meeting Dec: 10. 1715

Messengers from the Church in Horsly down under the pastoral Care of Bro. Try to know whether Joseph Field & Wife are in full Communion with us

agreed that we return for answer of the said Joseph Field & his Wife are in full Communion with us

Bro. John May making application to the Church for some Relief,

It's Agreed that we recommend it to our Brethren the Deacons.

Agreed that the Meeting house Gutters be Cleand

Agreed that the Subscriptions be Continued for the payments of the Church's debt

Agreed that Bro Hawkins be desired to receive the Subscriptions for the Rent &c for the next Quarter

C. Bulkley
Robert Kimpton
Nath[l] Hasted.
Jen: Jones
John Walker
Wm Hill
Benjamin Hanks
Tho Higgins
Jno Hawkins
Michael Deane
Joseph Hanks
Robt Plimpton

At a Church Meeting Jany 22 1743/4

agreed 1st y^{t} Some persons be appointed to Visit the members
y^{t} are Defeient in there Subscriptions & y^{t} Bro Hanks
Bro Jones Bro walker be the messengers

C. Bulkley
Robt Fitch
Natth. Hasted.
Robt Plimpton Junr
Jen: Jones
Wall: Hooker
John Walker
Wm Abbott
Wm Hill
Robert Bonvell
Joseph Hanks
Abra Francis
Jno Hawkins

At a Church Meeting Feb 19 1743/4

A Letter being read from the Church at Croydon under the Pastorall care of Broth^r Harrison recommending many Hanks [illegible] to our Comunion agreed that She be received into this Church

C. Bulkley
Robert Kimpton
Nathl. Hasted.
Jon: Jones
Joseph Hanks
John Walker
Jo^b Gibbs
Danl Wiggins
In^o Hawkins

At a Church Meeting

At a Church Meeting March 18. 1744

Agreed that we make a Collection for the Fund, on the 15th of April next

C. Bulkley
Robt Kimpton
Nath.l Hasted.
Jen: Jones
John Clarke
Wm Hill
Joseph Hanks
Jno Hawkins
Will: Hookar

At a Church Meeting April 22d 1744

In Case the Meeting should be rated or assess'd to the Land Tax & demanded by the Collectors, It is agreed that we do Appeal to the Commissioners of the Land Tax, for relief

C. Bulkley
Robt Kimpton
Nath.l Hasted.
Robt Stimpson Junr
Jen: Jones
Henry Howard
Jno Hawkins
Joseph Hanks

At a Church Meeting June 17. [illegible]

agreed that my dearest Bro. Walker & Bro. Hanks
to enquire into the Land. Tax Book to see whether
the Meeting is Taxed for the Year 1744.

Mary Laker applying to this Church to remove
her Communion from the Church at Barbican
It's agreed that Bro. Hasted & Bro. Hanks be
the Messengrs to enquire Whether the said
Mary Laker is in full Communion with
this Church

Bulkley
Robt Kimpton
Nath.ll Hasted.
Sam: Bodicoat
Jno Hawkins
Joseph Hanks
John Walker
Michael Deane

At A Chuch Meeting July 22 1744

the Messingers Sent to the Church att Barbycan
Concerning mary Lazier report y^t She was in full
Communion with ye Church & She is accordingly
Receev into this Church

C Bulkley
Robt Hampton
Nathl. Hasted.
Jon: Jones
Henry Howard
Joseph Hanks
Wm Hill
Jno Hawkins

Att A Church Meeting Sep.t 23. 1744

Agreed that we doune Mr Richard Deane to
Advance four pounds for the Use of the Church
& pay it to Mr Hawkins to enable him to pay
the Rent of the Meeting

Agreed that we Choose Representatives for
the Ensuing year & that Bro.r Joseph Hawkins &
Michael Deane, be our Representatives
for the year Ensuing.

C. Bulkley
Robt Kimpton
Nath.l Hasted.
Jen.a Jones
Robt Kimpton Junr
John Walker
Wm Hill
Jno Hawkins
Joseph Hawkins

At a Church Meeting Nov 18 1744

Agreed that Robert Plympton Junior & Michael Dean, be our Deputies for the management of the Civil affairs of the Protestant Dissenters for the year Ensuing

Agreed that there be a Sermon at this place Dec 25 next as Usual & a Collection for the poor

Agreed that the Branch be cleaned & put up next Lords day

C. Bulkley
Nath.l Hosted.
Robt Plimpton Junr
Joseph Hawley
Richd Jackson
Wm Hill

At a Church Meeting Decem. 23. 1744

Bro. Joseph Hanks reports that he appeald to the Commissioners of the Land Tax to have the Tax taken off from this Meeting but could Obtain no Relief

Church

Agreed that this have a Conference with the Church at Barbican, with Relation to this Council's Meeting there to Worship

Agreed Bro. Jno Walker, Robt Plympton Junior Joseph Hanks, & Michael Deane, be appointed to Attend the Conference, & that they make a report to a General Church Meeting

C. Bulkley
Nathl. Hasted
Henry Howard
Jer: Jones
Jno Walker
Robt Plimpton Junr
Sam: Prodicott
Jno: Abbott
Richard Jackson
John Clarke
Joseph Hanks
Michael Deane

At a General Church Meeting January. 6. 1744/5

The Brethren appointed to have a Conference with the Church at Barbican report,

That the Church at Whites Alley shall with great Readiness be Admitted to Exercise their Religious Worship at at Barbican without any Consideration for Rent or Repairs till the expiration of the Lease of the Meeting Place at Whites Alley

Alternat. We shall pay Five pounds to the Meeting & Our proportion towards Taxes & Subsequent Repairs

In Case we have an opportunity to let our Meeting House to pay Five pounds a year to Barbican

That all Money Collected for the poor be Equally divided

Each Church during the afternoon

Continued on the other side

The Church Meeting Jany. 6. 1744/5

Continued

Voted that this Church do remove to the Meeting House at Barbican as a Separate Church, to patform out Religious Worship at that Place

Voted that the Deputies appointed to meet our Brethren appointed from Barbican do desire the Liberty of the afternoon & in Case that can't be complyd with to get Every other afternoon

E. Bulkley
Robert Pimpton
Nath[l]. Hasted.
Jen: Jones
Sam: Sodicout
Robt Plimpton Junr
Robert Powell
Wm Abbott
John Clarke
Jno Hawkins
Richd Jackson
Danl Wiggins
Joseph Hanks
Robert Page
Walker
Richard Deane

At a General Church Meeting January. 20, 1744/5

The Deputies report that they have mett our friends at Barbecan, & they report that It will be most agreeable to our them to have the afternoon, on the Account of Mr Burroughs State of Health

The Question being put Whether we should desire the Morning

Carried in the Negative

The Question being put Whether We desire the afternoon

Carried by a very great Majority

John Clarke
Jer. Jones.
John. Wiggins
C. Bulkley
Nath. Hosted.
Robt Stimpton
Saml. Bodicoat
Jno Hawkins
Joseph Hawks
Michael Dean
Walker
Thos Shrimpton Junr
Jam Abbott

At a Church Meeting.

February. 17. 1744/5

The Brethren appointed to meet our
friends at Barbican, report that they
have consented that we shall have
the Liberty, every Afternoon, except
the afternoon, in the last, Lords day in
the Month

Agreed that this Congregation do
remove to Barbican next Lords day.

Agreed that the Branch be remov'd to
Mr Robert Plympton's senr, as also
Seniors & Landlestricks, Harpet.

Agreed that the Deal be remov'd to Mr
Higgins

Agreed that the Pewter be Cleand
& afterwards Carried to Barbican & also
the Linnen & the great Bible

Agreed that the Church Books be also
removed to Mr Robert Plympton's son.

C. Bulkley
Robt Kimpton
Nath.ll Hasted
& Sam.l Bodicoat
Robt Kimpton Junr
Joseph Hanky
Jno Hawkins
Robert Powell
Walker
Dan.l Wiggins
Michael Deane

Church Meeting

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missing

Deane be deond to pay
it one pound sometheld 9.
be a collection for the Friend
on days on april

St A Church Meeting

March 17. 1744.5

being the first since our

Removal to Barbican

Mr Higgins reports that he has

removed the Clocke from Whites alley

to his house,

Mr Robt Plympton reports that

he has Received the Branch, Carpet

& Sconces to his house.

Agreed that we Endeavour to lett our

Meeting at Whites Alley, for the ensuing

of the Term of our Lease

Agreed that we do Advertize

the letting of the said Meeting house

with Advertizer, & that Mr Abbot

do take care to put the Advertisement

in the Publick News paper, As also

to shew the Meeting to any person

that may want to hire it,

Agreed that Br Gibson, Br Robt Plympton

Junr, Br Walker, Br. Abbot, Br Bodicot

Junr, Br Jones, Br Hanks, Br. Robt Plympton

Junr, be a Committee to let the said

Meeting, or any two of them

Agreed that Br Deane be desired to pay

Malcom Glazier One pound fourteen Shill & 9.

Agreed that there be a Collection for the Friend

on the 2d S. Sunday in April

The Church Meeting Continued

Agreed that our Brethren the Deacons
Do wait on the Church at Barbican to know
when the agreement with them & our
Church shall be Signed by Each Party

C. Bulkley
Robert Hampton
Nath.l Hasted.
Sam.l Bodicoat
Henry Howard
Jen.. Jones
Joseph Hanks
John Walker
Tho.s Higgins
Robert Powell
Jno Hawkins

At a Church Meeting June 16 1745

The Case of
Mr Neale & Mr Cherry Messengers from ye
Church at Glass-House-Yard desired to know
whether Mrs Farmer Senr was in full
Communion with thy Church Agreed to let
them know that she was.

C Bulkley
Nath. Hasted.
Jon. Jones
Robt Stimpson Junr
John. Clarke
Joseph Hawley
Jno Hawkins
Wm Abbott

At a Church Meeting July 14. 1745

Agreed that the Contract with the Church at Barbecan be signd by each committee

C Bulkley
Michael Dean
Robt Kimpton
Nath: Hasted.
Joseph Hanks
Walker
Jno Hawkins
Robert Powell

Ch. Church

Meeting Sep.r 22. 1715

Agreed that Bro.r Joseph Hanks & Bro.r Michael Deane, be our Representatives to the Synod for the Year Ensuing

Agreed that a Messenger be sent to Mr Jno Callow to Admonish him to make good his place, & that Bro.r Robt Plympton Senior & Michael Deane be the Messengers

Agreed that the same Messengers do wait on Bro.r Wm Tolstead & Invite him to renew his Communion with us, upon his return to England

Dissent to an agreement Last Church Meeting, the Contract with the Church at Barbican under the pastoral Care of Mr Jno. Barrow. to be Entred in the Church Book

Joseph Hanks — C. Bulkley
Jno Hawkins — Nath.ll Hasted.
Walker — Robert Plimpton
Jere. Jones
Robt Plimpton Junr
Michael Deane

At a Meeting of the Underwritten persons deputed from the Church Meeting at Barbicon under the pastoral care of Mr Joseph Burrough And the Church Meeting at Whites Alley Little Moor Fields, under the pastoral care of Mr Charles Bulkley, pursuant to a proposal from the Church at Whites Alley. for the Liberty of Exercising Religious Worship, one part of Each Lords day;

It is agreed as follows viz.t

That the Church at Whites Alley do meet at Barbican for the Exercise of Religious Worship, and have the Liberty of the Pulpit every Lords day in the Afternoon except the first Lords day in the Month

NB From the Expiration of the Lease of Whites Alley Meeting, or the letting of it to pay five pounds p Annum to the Church at Barbican

And also their proportion towards Taxes & Repairs

Money Collected for the poor to be equally devided

The Church at Barbican bound to Serve

Att a Church Meeting Nov 30th 1745

the Messengers Sent to mr Jno Callow make report that he has and will Consider the Case

Brothr Felsteo has Complyd with the Churches request

A Letter from Dr Avery Desiring us to Choose 2 Debulies to manage the Civill affaire of the Disenting interest in Compliance of which bro mich Dean & Brs Robt Plimpton Junr were accordingly Chosen

Bulkley

Robert Hemon

Hasled

Sam: Bodrcott

Robt Plimpton Junr

Jean: Jones

Josh Hanks

Jno Hawkins

Robert Gorvell

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Whites Alley Meeting, or the letting of it
to pay five pounds p Annum to the
Church at Barbican
And also their proportion towards Taxes
& repairs
Money Collected for the poor, be equally
divided
The Church at Barbican beside Servants

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Bulkley

Robert Plimpton

Nath Hasted

Sam: Bodicott

Robt Plimpton Junr

Jean: Jones

Josh Hanks

Jno Hawkins

Robert Powell

At a Church Meeting June ye 1746

Bro Hanks reports that he paid into the fund Eleven pounds two Shillings for the use of this Church

C Bulkley
Robert Kimpton
Nath[l] Hasted.
Jere Jones
Robert Powell
Joseph Hanks
Dan[l] Wiggins
Jno Hawkins

1st A Church Meeting
Sep. 14. 1746

Agreed that The Trustees Account of Capt Peirce Johns be Audited the first Convenient opportunity And Bro. John Walker & Bro Robert Plympton Junior be the Auditors

the Accounts of

After wch it is Agreed that Bro. Ab. Francis & Michael Deane the Trustes for this Church Shall be Audited by our Brethren the Deacons, & as many of the rest of the Members of the Church as pleas to be present

C. Bulkley
Robt Plimpton
Nathl. Hasted.
Jen. Jones
Joseph Hawley
Michael Deane
the mark of
Abraham D Francis

At a Church Meeting
Dec 12. 1746

Agreed that We Choose Representatives
for the Ensuing year & that
Bro. Joseph Hanks & Michael Deane
be our Representatives

Agreed that Bro. Deane do pay Bro. Howard
one pound fourteen shill for Bricklayers Work
done at Whites Alley on the Meeting.

C Bulkley
Robt Kimpton
Henry Howard
Jon: Jones
by Robt Kimpton
Wm Hill
Joseph Hanks
Michael Deane

At Church Meeting Novem:r 8. 1746

Bro. Deane reports that he has paid Bro. Howard One pound seventeen shillings as ordered last Church Meeting

Agreed that Bro. Robert Plympton Junior & Michael Deane be our Deputies for the Management of the Civil Affairs of the Protestant Dissenters for the Year Ensuing

Agreed that the Dial & Branches & other Utensils belonging to the Meeting be sold, & that our Brethren the Deacons are desired to take the first opportunity of selling em.

C Bulkley
Robt Plimpton
Nath.l Hasleb.
Henry Howard
Robt. Plimpton
Jon.a Gibbs
Jno Hawkins
Joseph Hanks
Joseph Taylor
Michael Deane

At a Church Meeting Jan. 11. 1746

Agreed that Bro. Hanks & Bro. Abr. Francis be desired to goe to Daniel Greene & Admonish him to make good his place in this Church.

Agreed that Bro. Hawkins & Bro. Hanks, be desired to go Mary Lee & Admonish her to make good her place in this Church.

Agreed that Bro. Francis & Bro. Hill, be desired to goe to Mary Fenton and Admonish her to make good her place in this Church.

Agreed that Bro. Robt Plimpton Senior & Michael Deane, be desired to goe to Bro. Callow and Admonish him to make good his place in this Church

C Buckley
Nath.l Hosford
Robt Plimpton
Sam.l Bodicoat
Robt Plimpton
Jen.a Jones
Jno Hawkins
Tob. Gitts
Wm Hill
Joseph Clarke
x — Joseph Taylor
Robert Page
Michael Deane

1st Church Meeting Feb. d. 1746/7

The case of Samuel Greene referred to the Next Church Meeting

Bror. Hanks reports that Sis Lee took our Message kindly, & has promis'd to make good his Place

Bror. Francis Reports that Sis Fenton took our Message kindly & has promised to make good her place

The case of Bror. Collins referred to the Next Church Meeting

C. Bulkley
Robt Kimpton
~~Nath.~~ Nath. Hasted
Robt Plimpton Junr
Jun. Jones
Jno Hawkins
Joseph Hanks
Willi Hooker
Noble Dean

1st Church Meeting

April 12, 1747

Bror Hanks reports that he hath
v Mr Westley and intends to continue
so doing

Bror Deane reports that Bror Robt
Plympton & himself waited on Mr-
Fallon, & after some conversation, he
said he would consider of the Message

C. Bulkley
Robt Plimpton
Nath.l Hasted.
Jen.: Jones
I Hawkins
Wm Gill
Will: Hooker
Joseph Hanky
Mich.l Deane

At a Church Meeting Aug 9th 1747.

Messengers from the church at Horsley Down under the Care of Mr Fry desir'd to know whether Mr Robt Powell was in full Communion with us. Returned for answer that he was.

C Bulkley
Sam: Bodicoat
Henry Howard
Joseph Hanks
Richd Jackson

At a Church Meeting

Novem^r 8. 1747

A Letter from Dr Avery, desiring us to chuse two Debuties to Manage to Civil affairs of ye Dissenters of the 3. denominations.

Agreed that Bro^r Michael Deane & Bro^r Robert Plympton Junior, be our deputies for the year Ensuing.

Agreed that Bro^r Michael Deane of the Land Bro^r Jenkin Jones be our Representatives for the year Ensuing.

C Bulkley
Robert Plimpton
Nathl. Hasted.
Thos Plimpton Junr
Richard Jackson
Ino Hawkins
Jen^a. Jones
Joseph Hanks
Michael Deane

At a Church Meeting March 13: 1747/8:

agreed that there be a collection for the funds on the third Sunday in Aprill and y^t^ notize be given the Lords Day before:

agreed that our Brethren do meet next Thursday Senite to look over the Lease belonging to the meeting house in whiles ally ~~[illegible]~~

C. Bulkley
Nath^ll^ Hasted.
Sam^ll^ Bodicott
Robt Plimpton Junr
Jno Jones
Joseph Hanks
Wm Hill
Jno Hawkins

At a Church Meeting Nov.r 20. 1744.

The Report of the Case is referd to next
Church Meeting.

A Letter from Doc.r Avery desiring us to chuse
two Deputies to Manage the Civil affairs of
the ~~Protestant~~ Dissenters of y.e 3. denominations

Agreed that Bro.r Michael Deane and
Bro.r Rob.t Plympton Junio.r be our Deputies
for the Year Ensuing.

+ Michael Deane

Agreed that Bro.r Jenkin Jones be our
Representatives for y.e Year Ensuing. for y.e Court

Buckley

Sam.l Bodicott

Nath.l Hasted

Robt Plimpton

Richd Jackson

Jen.a Forces

Joyce Hanky

Michael Deane

At a Church Meeting

Febr. 12. 1748.9

Agreed that there be a Collection for the Fund the Second Sunday in April, & that Notice be given the Sunday Before

Agreed that that we meet on Tuesday Night to Admit Bro. R. Plympton sen. & Jun. Accd. W. Hawkins, & W. Deane's at Mr. Jno. Walker's in the old Jewry @ 5 o'Clock in the Evening

Bulkley

Robert Plimpton

Nath. Hasted

Robt. Plimpton Junr.

Jno. Jones

Jno Hawkins

Joseph Hanks

Wm Abbott

Nathe Deane

At a Church Meeting
Septem 10, 1749

The accounts not being all adjusted the report is referd to the next Church Meeting

A Bill for Taxes Dispens being brot from Mr Burroughs Church, it's desired our Brethren the Deacons would examine it, & in Case they find it right to ~~pay it~~ make a report the next Church Meeting

C Bulkley
Nath. Hasted.

Sob Gibbs
William Hooker
Joseph Hanks
John Hawkins

Uriah Deane

Michael Deane reports that he
has rec'd a letter from Mrs Elizabeth Sterrys.
of Worster dat. Octo. 24. 1749. acquainting him
that her late Husband George Sterrys of the
same place, left One hundred pounds by
his Will to ye sd Michael Deane & John
Birch of Lunenburg to be paid them after
her Death, & signifyed his Intent was that
the Interest of the Hundred pounds should
be Annually paid towards supporting the
Minister of the Baptist Congregation, now
assembling in Town of Worster

Lond'n Nov. 12. 1749.

At a Church Meeting Nov. 12. 1749.

A Messenger from the Church in Horsly down under the pastoral Care of Bror Samel. Bry to know if Sarah Clark is A Member & in full Communion 1st. Us. being desirous to remove her Comm Agreed that we return for Answer that the said Sarah Clark is a Member with us & in full Communion

Mr Bulkly reports he has read a Letter from Dor. Avery, to Chuse two Deputies for the Year Ensuing, to Manage the Civil affairs of the Protestant dissenters of the 3. Denomination

Agreed that Bror. Mich. Deane & Bror. Rob. Plympton Junior, be our Deputys for Managing our Civil affairs for the Year Ensuing

Agreed that Bror. Jonathan Jones & Bror Michl. Deane be our representatives for the Town for the Ensuing Year

The report of the Accounts be refered to the next Church Meeting

The Bell delivered by Mr Burroughs Church is refered to the next Church Meeting

C Bulkley
Robert Pimpton
Robt. Plimpton Junr
Jona: Jones
John Hawkins
Joseph Hand
Mich. Deane

At a Church Meeting Jan.y 14. 1749

Agreed that Bro. Michael Deane's
Acct be audited to Morrow by our
Brethren the Deacon's at Mr Walkers
In the old Jewry

Agreed that the Trustees Acct. of
Capt Pearce Johns be Audited at the
same time & place, by ye same persons

Agreed Bro.r Robert Plympton Junr.
Acct be audited at ye same time & place
by Bro.r Deane & Bro.r Hawkins.

Agreed that the Bill delivered by Mr
Burrough's Church be Examined at the
same time & place by our Brethren
the Deacon's

C Bulkley.
Nath.l Hasled.
Robt. Plimpton Junr
Jen.a Jones
John Hawkins
Ab.m Francis
Mich.l Deane

At a Church Meeting

February. 11. 1749. 50

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Mr Hawkins reports that Bror. Robt Plympton Junr Acct. is audited

Mr Robt Plympton Junr reports that the Bill delivered in by Mr Bromagh. Church is Examined & Good

The report of the rest of the Accounts is referrd to the Next Church Meeting

Agreed that we meet at Mr Walkers on the Old Jewry to morrow at 6 o' Clock & at the Evening to Examine the remainder of the Acct. ordered last Church Meeting

Agreed that there be a Collection for the Fund the last Sunday in March

C Bulkley
Sam: Bodicott
Robert Plimpton
Nath: Hasted.
Robt Plimpton Junr
Richd Jackson
John Hawkins
Jen: Jones
Mr Dent

At a Church Meeting
Novem 10. 1730

The report of the Acct Mentioned
Feb 11. was read to the Next Church
Meeting

Mr Bulkley reports he had received
a Letter from Doctr Avery to Chuse
two Deputies for the Ensuing
Year to Manage the Civil affairs of the
Protestant Dissenters of the 3
Denominations

Agreed that Bror Nichs Deane
& Bror Robt Hyngton be our
Deputys for Managing our Civil
affairs for the Ensuing Year

Agreed that Bror Jenkin Jones
& Bror ~~Hook~~ Joseph Hanks be
our Representatives for the Fund
for the Ensuing Year

Bulkley
Robt Hyngton
Nathl Haskid
Sam: Lodicott
Jen. Jones
Joseph Hanks
John Hawkins
Jos. Hill
Nichs Deane

C. of A Church Meeting

January 13. 1750,51.

Mr John Hawkins reports that the Trustees Acct of East Side John's was Examin'd Feb. 12. last, & that is was right

Mr Robt Ellyngton reports that Feb 12 last, he paid the Ballance due on Bror Mich. Dean's account being Seventeen pounds Eleven shillings & Sixpence

Agreed that Bror Robt Ellyngton be desired to pay Mr Burroughs Church all that is due to them to Xmas last

C Bulkley
Robt Ellyngton
Jer. Jones
John Hawkins
Mich Dwy

At a Church Meeting March 10. 1750

Brother Robert Plympton reports that he has paid Mr Burroughs Church all that is due to them at Xmas last from this Church

Agreed that the Collection for the Fund be the last Sunday in March

Bulkley
Nath[l] Hasted
Rob[t] Plimpton
Joseph Hawley
John Hawkins
Moses Dean

At a Church Meeting May 12. 1751.

Agreed that Mr Plimpton & Mr Walker be desired to attend the Trustees of Capt. Piera Johns Estate in order to audit their accounts on Friday the 17th Instant.

Bulkley
Nath.l Hasted
Jer.h Jones
John Hawkins
Wm Abbott
John Clarke

At a Church Meeting Nov. 10. 1751

The Report of the auditors of last Serrice
Sev. Accts was refused to the Next Church Meeting

Mr Buckley acquainted the Church he
had red a Letter from Dor Avery to
chuse 2 deputys for his Church & inform
their Names this Month to him

Agreed that Bro Robert Plympton
& Bro Moche Deane be our
Deputy's for the year Ensuing

C Bulkley
Sam: Sodicott
Richard Jackson
Wm Abbott
John Hawkins
Wm Hill
Moche Deane

1st Church Meeting Feb 9

1752

The report of the Auditors of Capt Peirce
was referred to the Next Church Meeting

Agreed that Brother Robert Plympton
& Bro Michael Deane be our
representatives the year Ensuing for the
Fund

Agreed that the Collection for the
Fund be on the second Sunday in April

Bulkley
Natha. Hasled
Robt Plimpton
Jon. Jones
John Hawkins
Jon Hick
Miche Deane

At a Church Meeting

July. 26. 1752

The Trustees of Capt Peirce Johns Estate, Report that they have had a Meeting w.th Mrs Knight, Lukin & Wright who Complain of Great Losses sustaind at Monkstu Farm by the distempers Amongst the Horned Cattle, And desire that they may have such ~~reliof~~ Relief granted them as the Trust shall Judge Reasonable

This Case was taken into Consideration And it was Obsrvd that as Great part of the Money rcvd was applyed to very poor people, as also that the Tenants were Men in good Circumstances, as also Whether they had Powers as Trustees to make Application to any other Persons than those Specifyed in the Deed of Trust, Therefore they were of Opinion that no Relief could be granted to the Tenants, And have appointed Mr Robt Plympton & Mr Jenkin Jones to make this Report to the Trustees & deputys from the other Churches, Resorting at

Re-corporating at the same time the Liberty
Re Considering this affair, we Give the other
Trustees should be of a different opinion
from the Church.

Bulkley
Nath.ll Hosted.
Sam.ll Bodicoat
Robt Plimpton
John Jones
John Hawkins
William Felsted
John Clarke
Will Hooker
Wm Hill
Wm Abbott
Tho Higgins



At a Church Meeting Nov 12. 1754

Mr Bulkley Acquainted the Church that he had rec'd a Letter from Doc^r Avery to desire him to Chuse two Deputy's for this Church & return their Names to him this Month

Agreed that Bro^r Jonkin Jones & Michael Deane be returned to Doc^r Avery as our deputy wch are Chose for the Year Ensuing

Bulkley
Nath^ll Hastes
Sam:^ll Sodicott
Wm Abbott
Wm Hill
John Hawkins
Sol Gilbs
Jen: Jones
Tho Higgins
Michel Deane

Atta Church M

At a Church March 18 1753

agreed that there be a collection for the fund on the Second Sunday in April the 8th of that month

C Bulkley
Sam: Sidicout
Nath: Hosted.
John Clarke
William Telotted
Will Abbott
Richard Jackson
John Hawkins

At a Church Meeting Novem^r 18. 1753

Mr Bulkley acquainted the Church that he had receivd a letter from Doc^r Benjamin Avery to desire them to chuse two Deputys for the Church & return their Names to him this Month

Agreed that Bro^r Jenkin Jones & Bro^r Nicholas Deane be returnd to Doc^r Avery, for our Deputys wch We have chose for the ensuing

C Bulkley
John Haskins
Wm Abbott
Richd Jackson
Jen: Jones
Nicho Diamond

At a Church Meeting January. 13. 1754

Agreed that Bro: Job. Gibbs & Mucke Deane
be our Representatives to the Fund for the
Year Ensuing

Agreed that our Collection for the Fund, be
on the last Sunday in March Next

C Bulkley
Tho Higgins
Jon. Gibbs
John Hawkins
Richd Jackson
Wm Abbott
Mucke Deane

At a Church Meeting Sep: 15. 1754

Mr Jones presented a Letter from Mr
Nathl Shefford Secretary to the Committee of
protestant dissenters, Containing an order
from the Deputies at a Genl Meeting Sep. 7. 1754
as follows

Ordered that a Generall Subscription be
forthwith opened for raising Money to defend
such Dissenters as the Committee have taken
or shall take into their Protection against all
Prosecutions & Penalties for not serving the
offices of Sheriff of London & Middx

Resolv'd that a Subscription be opened
for the said purpose

C Bulkley
Robt Stimpson
Richd Jackson
Jno Jones
Saml Sadicott
Wm Abbott
John Hawkins
John Parker
Nicho Deane

At a Church Meeting
March 23. 1753.

Agreed the Subscription be extended to the next Church Meeting. wch was ordered Sep. 15. last

Agreed that Bro^r Job Gibbs & Bro^r Medcalf Deacons be our Representatives for the Ensuing Year for the Year Ensuing

Agreed Thatour Collection for the Fund be the last Sunday in April

Agreed that the Accot of the Trustees of Capt Peirce John's be Audited

& that Mr Plympton Mr Jones Mr Badcock & Mr Gibbs, be the Auditors

Bro^r John Hawkins desires to be excused from Collecting the Subscription for Mr Bulkley, Mr Abbot is appointed in his room, that Notice be given next Sunday,

And Whereas the Subscriptions, by reason of Sundry Members of the Church dying, have fallen short

It is Agreed that Notice be given next Church Meeting to the Members, & that Endeavours be used for augmenting the said Subscription.

Wm Abbott
Jn° Hawkins
Richd Jackson
Jen. Jones
Medcalf Deane

C Bulkley
Sam¹ Badcock
Robt Plimpton
Sol Gibbs
John Clarke

At a Church Meeting Nov. 9. 1755

Mr Bulkley acquainted the Church that he had rec'd a Letter from Dr. Benj. Avery to desire them to Chuse two Deputy's for this Church, to return their Names to him this Month

Agreed that Bro. Jenkins & Bro. Hide Agreed that Bro. Jones & Bro. Hide Doo Avery for Deare be Returned to our Deputy's for the Year Ensuing

Agreed the Subscription be refered to the next Church Meeting. it was Ordered

Sep 15. 1754

Mr Abbot having declin'd Collecting Mr Bulkley's Subscription, Mr Boddicoat is Chosen in his Room

C Bulkley
Jon.a Jones
Samll Bodicott
Richd Jackson
John Hawkins
Mr Dean

At a Church meeting March 14 1786

Agreed that Mr Michael Dear & Mr Bodicoat be our Representatives at the Fund for the year ensuing

Agreed that our Collection for the Fund be made on the second Sunday in April next.

Saml Bodicoat
Wm Abbott
Jos Gibbs
Richd Jackson
Jen.: Jones
John Hawkins
Bulkley

At a Church Meeting
Novem. 14. 1756

Mr Bulkley acquainted the Church
that he had recd a Letter from Docr
Benj. Avery to desire him to Chuse
two Deputys for this Church and to
return their Names to him this Month
Agreed that Brr. Jerken Jones & Brr
Michael Shane be our deputys for
the Year Ensuing

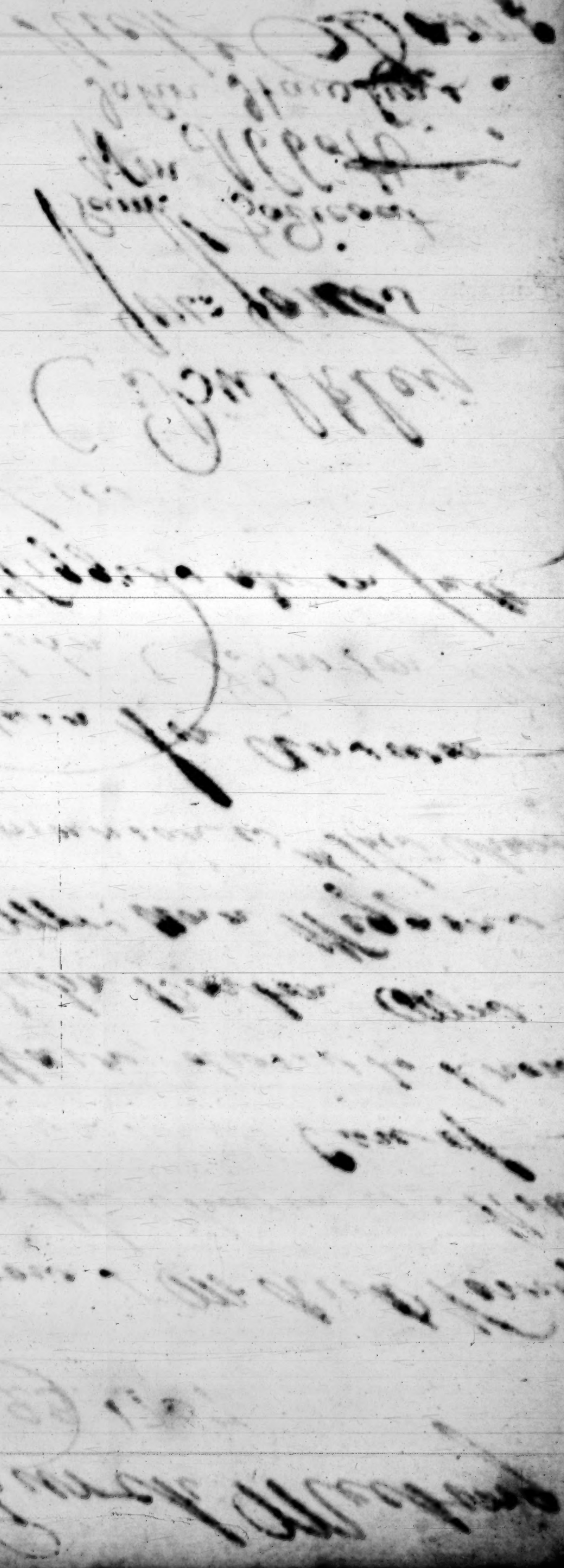
C. Bulkley
Saml. Bricout
Jun.: Jones
John Hawkins.
Thos. Higgins
Wm. Abbott Junr.
Mich. Shane

At a Church Meeting
January 23. 1757

Mr John Sparrow & Mr Richd Veney
Messengrs from the Church at Mold
Sent under the pastoral Care of
Mr John Bretlain, desired to know
Whether Mr John Barton &
Wife & Hasted & Mrs Ann Wiggins
Were in full Communion with this Church

Agreed We return for Answer
that the above John Barton, Wife
Hasted & Ann Wiggins are in full
Communion with us

C. Bulkley
Jon: Jones
Sam: Bodicoat
Wm Abbott
John Hawkins
Richd Dana



At a Church Meeting July 10th: 1757

a Motion was made By Mr Bulkley for a Catechistical Lecture on a Monday Evening to be Began at or about Michaelmas next: which was accordingly Approved of by the Church: —

a Motion was made by Mr Jones that notice be given of this agreement to the General Body on our next Communion Day:

a Motion being made for Application to Mr Barroughes's Church for the use of this Place for the Exercise above Said was likewise agreed to: —

No Notice of this afterwards to. 22 Nov. 1761 when Entries in the Book Cease —

C. Bulkley

Wm. Jones

John Hawkins

Wm Abbott — Jen

Thos Biggins

Wm Abbott Junr

John Clarke —

At a Church Meeting Nov. 13. 1757

ye Mr Bulkley acquainted the Church that he had rec.d a Letter from Dr Avery to desire him to chuse two Deputys for this Church, to return their Names to him this Month. Whereupon Brō Robt Plympton Agreed that Brō Michael Deane be one Brō Michael Deane be one Deputy, for the Year Ensuing.

C. Bulkley

Robt Plimpton

Jon.a Jones

John Hawkins

Wm Abbott Junr.

Mich.l Deane

At a Church Meeting Mar. 12. 175

Voted That our Collection for the Sumd be On the second Sunday in April

Voted that Brr Robt Plympton & Bulkley Deane be our representatives at the Court for the Year Ensuing

Bulkley

Sam:l Sodicoat

Robt Plimpton

Wm Abbott

Wm Abbott Junr.

John Clarke

John Hawkins

Jno: Jones

Nathl Deane

At a Church Meeting Sep 10 1758

Agreed that the Accounts of the Trustees of Capt Peirce Johns be Audited

Agreed that Mr Bodicoat & Mr Jones &

Mr Clarke be the Auditors

C Bulkley.

Jno. Jones

John Hawkins

Sam:l Bodicoat

Robt Simpton

Tho Higgins

Mich.l Evans

At a Church Meeting Nov. 12. 1758

The Pastor not having been audibly
Ifs referd to the next Church Meeting:
Mr Bulkley acquainted the Church that
he had rec'd Letter from Dea. Avery
to desire him & three two Deputys for
the Church & Town in their Names to
join with their Pastor in this
Ordination

Voted that Mr. Jonathan Jones
Mr Michael Dean & Dea Ensign
be the Deputys

C. Bulkley
Jon: Jones
Rob Simpton
Tho Higgins
John Hosford
Mich Dean

At a Church Meeting Jan.y 14.th 1759.

Two Messengers from W.m Breton's Church desird to know whether Mr.s Sarah Clarke & W.m Eliz.a Fenton where in full Communion with this Church. to whom it was answered the said Persons had for many Years absented themselves from the Church but that We had no Exceptions to make to their Character when amongst us.

Bulkley

Jno.: Jones

Joseph Hawkins

Sam.l Bodicoat

Robt. Plimpton

Wm Abbott Sen.r

Thos Higgins

Wm. Abbott Junr.

At a Church Meeting March 11. 1759

Agreed that our Election in the Fund
be made the second Sunday in April next

C. Bulkley
Sam: Sodicott
Robt Plimpton
Thos Higgins
Wm Abbott
Wm Abbott Junr
John Hawkins
Nath Dean

At a Church Meeting Apr. 22. 1759

Agreed that Bro. Robt Plympton
& Nathael Deane be our
Representatives at the Fund for
the Year Ensuing

C. Bulkley
Robt Plimpton
Sam: Sodicoat
Wm Jones
Wm Abbott Junr
John Hawkins
Wm Abbott Senr
Nath Dean

At a Church Meeting Nov. 11. 1754

Voted That Br. Robert Plympton, & Michael Dean be our Deputys for the Year Ensuing

Bulkley.

Jere: Jones

John Hawkins

Robt Plimpton

Sam: Bodicoat

John Clarke

Tho Huggins

Michl Dean

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Agreed at a Church Meeting 9th Novr. 1760

That Brot.r Michael Deane & ~~Robt.~~ Jenkin Jones be our Deputy's for the year ensuing.

Bulkley
Jen.. Jones
John Hawkins
~~Robt.~~ Plumpton
Thos Higgins
Wm Abbott Junr.

Agreed at a Church Meeting March 22: 1761
That the Colecton for the poore be on the Second Sunday in April and that Stocks be given the Sunday

Bulkley
~~Thos Higgins~~
Robt. Plumpton
Willm Abbott
Jen.. Jones

Voted at a Church Meeting April 26.th 1761

That Mr. Michael Deane, Mr. Jenkin Jones, & Mr. Wm Abbott Junr. be our Representatives at the Fund for the Year Ensuing.

Bulkley
Sam.l Sadicout
Robt Simpson
Wm Abbott Senr
Tho Huggins
John Clarke
Jen.h Jones
Wm Abbott Junr.

At a Church Meeting Nov. 22. 1794

Voted that Benjamin Jones &
Michael Deane Esqrs Deputys, for
the Year Ensuing

Bulkley
Jer. Jones
Wm Abbott Secr.
John Clarke
Robt Simpton
Ths Higgins
Michl Deane

Sr/ Have sent By Bearer the 5 Church
Books wh I have in my Possession & which
Belongs to Revd Mr Bulkley's - Church

I Remn
Yr Real
Humble Servt
Weald

March 12th - 1794

Lord's Supper Books & Psalters

Lowdell Esq
Sheet

Letter

Queen

At a Church Meeting Nov. 22. 1761

Agreed that Bro. Jenkin Jones &
Michael Dean be our Deputys, for
the Year Ensuing

Bulkley
Jen. Jones
Wm Abbott Sen.r
Wm Abbott Junr.
John Clarke
Robt. Simpson
Thos. Higgins
Mich.l Dean

Surrey to Wit — Oct: 20. 1797

I Stephen Lowdell of the Parish of Saviour in the County of Surrey Gent.^n^ do hereby Declare that I have been Treasurer of a Society called the Ten Trustees of the Estates of Pierce Johns late of Stepney in the County of Middlesex Mariner Deceased from the Year 1752 to the Present Year 1797

That the said Pierce Johns by one Deed Enrolled bearing date the 7.th of July 1698 and by one Deed Poll dated 30 July 1698 did appoint the Rents Profits of Certain Estates to be Divided between the Ministers and Poor of Five certain Congregations of Protestant Dissenters in London called General Baptists of which Five The Congregation then meeting in Whites Alley in Moorfields London was one

Now I the said Stephen Lowdell do hereby also Declare That the said Ten Trustees have always considered this Congregation to be in Existence from before and ever since the Year 1698 to the present Year 1797 and have made Dividends to it as such every half Year hitherto uninterruptedly as appears by the Books of the Proceedings of the said Trustees now in my Possession

Witness my hand this 16. Septr 1797

Stephen Lowdell

I do also further Declare
That I believe all the Proceedings recorded in this Book from 21. Sep. 1728 to 22 Nov. 1761 are the Proceedings of the said Congregation being well acquainted with the hand Writing of many of those who have Signed those Proceedings

Witness my hand 20.th Octob.^r^ 1797

Stephen Lowdell

Endowments of White's Alley

1st One fifth Share in the Rents of Old Monsale Farm
and of Bury Farm both in the County Essex
The Dividends payable by the Trustees of Birce Johns

2d One fifth Share in £150 of Old South Sea Annuit.
The Dividends payable by the same Trustees.

3d all the Dividends on £60 of 3 p Cent. Reduced Bank Ann

4th on £51. of 4 p Cent Bank Ann.

5th and on £52.15.0 of 3 p Cent Cons. Bank A

These Three Stocks are in the name of Nath.l Bowles dece
and Produce Dividends to the amount of £2.14.1 Every half
payable by the Representatives of the said Nath.l Bowles
who in 1797 were Rob.t Plimpton, Short Street Moorfields a
Stephen Lowdell, Queen Street, Borough of Southwark
for what relates to this Endowment Vid. page 258, 259 in
this Book and the Probate of Bowles's Will

6th One third Share of the Interest Benefit & Use of the
Meeting house in Worships Street according to the Tenor a
Design of the Deed of Settlement & Declaration of Trust
Executed 4 July 1781 Between Joseph Coventry Lowdell
and Dendy Teacher of the one Part and the Rev Dan.l No
and Eleven other Persons of the other Part.

And in case the Glass-House yard Church now meeting at W
Street Finsbury should become extinct, the Low Cross Estate,
held by the Members of that Church will become the Property
this Church of White's Alley

Declaration & Certificate of Mr Clarke

Memorandum

I John Clarke N.o 10 Cross Street. Islington in the County of Middlesex, Gent. do this 17 day of October in the Year One Thousand Seven Hundred & Ninety Seven hereby Declare as follows viz.

That I am the Man who among others Signed the Minutes worded in this Book the 18 of Aug.st in the Year 1734 and also the Minutes of many other Meetings worded in this Book since that Year

That the Minutes worded in this Book are the Proceedings of a Congregation of Protestant Dissenters called General Baptists who in the Year One Thousand Six Hundred & Ninety-Eight and for many Years before met for Religious Worship in Whites alley Moorfields, London

That I have Continued a Member of this Congregation from and before the said 18 Aug.st 1734 to the present time

That the said Congregation removed from Whites alley aforesaid to Pauls alley in Barbican on or ab.t the Year 1745 as appears by the Minutes worded 17 Febr.y 1744/5 ---the 17 of Mar.h 1744/5 & the 22.d Sept.r 1745---

That it removed from Pauls alley to a New Meeting house built for the Joint use of this & three other Congregations in Hogg Lane otherwise Worship Street in the Parish of St Leonard Shoreditch in the Year 1779 where it still Continues

That Mr Charles Bulkley was chosen Pastor of this Congregation in April 1743 as appears by this Book and Died in Ironmonger Row in the Parish of St Lukes, Old Street the 15 of April 1797 Aged 78 Years and was Interred in Worship Street aforesaid

That I do not know or believe that any Transactions of this Congregation have been worded any where or any Regular Church Meeting held since that worded in this Book the 22.d Nov.r 1761

That Mr John McIntosh of Chelsea, Mr William Watson, Salesman of Thorney Lane and myself are the only Men-Members whom I know to be now Living but there are some Women Members who I have Reason to believe are now Living

Turn over Leaf The Women

Declaration & Certificate Continued

The Women whom I mean are viz

1 Wm. Fisher, Widow, Greenwich Hospital
2 Wm. Arnold, Sister of the said Wm. Fisher
3 Wm. Masters, the Wife of Wm Masters, Cheesmonger, St John's Clerkenwell
4 Wm. Swridge, wife of Wm Swridge, Vict.r White Cross Street
~~a Golden Lane~~, near Old Street
5 Wm. Malora Sharp, Spinster, Daur of the Widow Sharp
No. Castle Street, Shoreditch

Witness my hand to the aforesaid Declaration & Certificate
this 17 day of October 1797. John Clarke

Witness to Wm Clarke's Signature
Steph.n Lovedge

At a Meeting of the Church of Whites Alley (whose Proceedings are Recorded in this Book) held at the Meeting house in Worship Street in the Parish of St Leonard Shoreditch. the 15th Day of November in the Year 1797

Mr Stephen Lovell as the Proxy of Brother John Clarke Reported

That this Day Divers Persons who were Lately Members of a General Baptist Church at Mitcham in Surry were admitted to the Communion and Fellowship of this Church of Whites Alley that the Names & Addresses of those Persons are viz.

Mr John Simpson, Bishops Bonnies Hall Bothnal Green
Mr. John Marson N.o 187 High Holborn
Mr. John Grice N.o 136 Whitechapel Road
~~Mr Abraham Hoxton~~ Dettycoat Lane
Mrs Elizabeth. Grice wife of the said Mr Grice
Mrs Mary Inglish, N.o 53 Saffron Hill
and Mrs Ann Christian ~~Hoxton, of Clapham~~ Hoxton

Whereas This Church of Whites Alley which in the Year 1695 met in Whites alley Moorfields, The Church which in that Year met in Glasshouse Yard, Gorwell Street, and the Church which in that Year met in Barn Street Horsleydown, (and which do all now meet in Worship that) have each a claim to an equal Interest in the meeting house in Worship Street and do each of them occupy it on certain days peculiar to themselves respectively pursuant to the Deed of Settlement: and to Agreements among themselves

Resolved, That Brother Will.m Watson be Requested to Provide a a Minister to officiate when it is the Day peculiar to Whites alley until the Church shall Chuse a Settled Minister in the Room of Mr Wm. Bulkley Lately Deceased
and That such Minister be paid the Sum of half a Guinea for his Services on that Day

Steph.n Lovell, Proxy for Mr John Clarke
John McIntosh
William Willshire Watson

Resolved That a Church Meeting be held on every second Lords Day in the Month
John Grice Wm Watson John Simpson John Marson
John Grice

Church Meeting January 14. 1798

Brother Marson moved that John Gri
& William Watson be appointed to the offi
of Deacons of this Church the motion wa
seconded by Brother Simpson & they were
unanimously chosen

at the same Meeting it was propos'd by Br
Watson that Brother John Simpson be appo
the minister of this Church in the room o
rev^d Charles Bulkley deceased it was se
by Brother Marson & he was unanimous
appointed by the Church

John Grice
William Watson
John Marson

Church Meeting May 20th. 1798 Brother Marson proposed that our Brd^r. Simpson should be ordained as Pastor of the Chur
on Thursday the First of June, which was agreed to.

The Church then appointed Brother Marson to write to Mr.
Benjn. Dobel and Mr. Sampson Shingsford to assist at his
Ordination, and Brd^r. Simpson was appointed to wait on
Mr. Evans to request him to open the Business.

John Grice
William Wa
John Marson

Church Meeting June 17th. 1798

Brother Simpson informed the Church that on acco.
of some difference of sentiment respecting the
matter of Ordination it was agreed to postpone the
proposed ordination for the present

John Grice
William Watson
John Marson

Church Meeting July 15. 1798 Brother Watson represented to the Church
that Sister English was in a poor afflicted state and they appointed
Brd^r. Simpson to visit her. —

John Marson
William Watson

Church Meeting Septr. 30. 1798 Bro^r. Marsom produced Copies of the Correspondence between him and M^r. Benjn. Dobell & M^r. Thingsford on the subject of Ordination to the Pastoral Office when his Letter to them, with two in answer from M^r. Dobell and and^r. Letter by him in reply to them were read and his reply was approved by the Church and requested to be forwarded to them.

John Simpson
Wm Watson

Church Meeting April 14th 1799 Agreed that the 30th of this instant be appointed for the Ordination of M^r. Simpson to the Office of Elder or minister and that M^r. Philpot of Saffron Walden and M^r. Evans be requested to assist on that occasion

John Simpson
Wm Watson
Jno. Grice
John Marsom

Church Meeting May 26. 1799 Our Bro^r. John Simpson Pastor and John Marsom were appointed to fill up the ~~vacant~~ Trusts in the General Baptist fund vacant by the deaths of Messrs. Turner and Bulkley

John Grice

Church Meeting Jany 12th. ~~1799~~ 1800 Abraham Fenton was admitted a Member of this Church of Whites alley
William Watson

John Simpson
Wm Watson

Church Meeting held 13th. April 1800 Stephen Grout having been Baptized on the 30th. of March last was admitted a member of this Church of Whites alley.

John Simpson
Wm Watson

Church Meeting Septr. 27. 1801

Philip Pignard having been Baptized this Day was admitted a Member of this Church

John Grice

Church Meeting
June 12. 1803

Church Meeting June 12. 1803

Sarah Martin formerly Membes of the Church at Mitcham in Surry was admitted a Member of this Church also Esther Colegate of Hackney Middlesex admitted a Member of this Church

John Gorice

Church Meeting Dec.r 18[illegible] 1803

1 It was resolved to carry on the Public worship every other Lords day by more Speakers than one and on the Intermediate Lords days in the usual way

2 that the above method be tried as to its Utility for five or six Months

3 that the Preaching on the other Lords day be carried on by Brothers Simpson & Marson alternately but that there shall always be Preaching when the Charity-Children are present

Signed on behalf of the Church { John Simpson, John Gorice, W Watson

Church Meeting April 15/1804

John Fuller & Rachel his Wife were proposed as desirous of Uniteing with us as a Religious Society or Church by order of the Church W Watson John Gorice

Chuch Meeting April 22. 1804

John & Rachel Fuller were received into Fellowship by the Unanimous Voice of the Church

a motion was made by Bro.. Simpson that there should be An Open conference held at the Meeting house Worship Street on Lords day Evenings beginning at 6 OClock which was carried Unanimously

by order of the Church { W. Watson, John Gorice

At a Church Meeting held at Worship Street on the 20th. May 1804

Brs. D. Eaton & J. Marsom were appointed to represent the Church at the ensuing General Assembly

Brother Marsom proposed that the Resolutions passed on the 18th Decr. 1803 be reconsidered and confirmed or annulled.

At a Church Meeting held at Worship Street on the 27th May 1804

Brother D. Eaton was appointed by the Church to be a Manager of the General Baptist Fund in the room of John Meekintosh Deceased

The 3 Resolutions of the 18th. of December were read, reconsidered and were annulled.

Brs. Grice moved that Brs. Marsom be appointed Secretary to the Church. carried Unanimiously

signed on behalf of the Church
John Simpson
W Watson
John Grice

At a Church Meeting held July 8th. 1804
a Motion was made by Br. Watson and Seconded by Br. Simpson that a Motion made by any Member at a Church Meeting shall not be conformed untill the next Church Meeting

Signed in behalf of the Church
Jno Fuller
John Simpson
Abm Denton

At a Church Meeting held October 14th. 1804
the Motion made by Br. Watson was carried Unanimously

Signed in behalf of the Church
John Grice
Jno. Fuller
John Simpson

Novr 11th 1804

At a Church Meeting held as previously determined
Present Bro Fenton, Bro John Fuller Brd. Wm Watson
Having no buriness — Adjourned

John Simpson

December 9th 1804

At a Church Meeting held this day by adjournm
Present Brr. Fenton, Brr. Grice, and Brr.
Watson — Having no Church buriness
Adjourned

John Simpson

Jany 13th. 1805
At a Church meet held as previously determined.
Present Bro. Simpson Bro. Grice Brd. Fenton Brr. Watson
Brr. Eaton Brr. Grout Brd. Marsom Brr. Fuller & Sister Sharpe.

The following motions were made by Brd. Simpson —

1. That every member of the Church capable of giving public instruction be requested to engage in that work in that way in which the Church shall think most beneficial

2. That two or three of those ~~assembled~~ Brethren shall conjointly every Lords day at the usual time of meeting, in the table pew discuss such subjects as the Church shall appoint.

3. That the subjects be divided, that each speaker take a particular share, & that no brother shall not have to go over the same ground of the Brd. who preceded him.

left for further consideration

Feb 7th 1805
At a Church meeting held this day at Worship Street
present Brd. Simpson Brr. Watson Brr. Grice
Brd. Fenton Brd. Eaton & Brd. Marsom
The motions of the proceeding Church meeting were disposed of by
a motion made by Brd. Eaton, as follows,
Moved, That there be alternate preaching by different brethren & conference
seconded by Brr. Simpson.

At a Church Meeting held the 14 April 1805 at Worship present Brd. Simpson, Fenton, Grice Fuller, Watson. Eaton & Manson The motion made Feby 10 adjourned to this day came under consideration when it was moved by Brd. Watson that it be rescinded & seconded by Brd. Grice which motion was carried

John Grice
W W. Watson

May 12th 1805

At a Church Meeting held this day by adjournment
Present Brd Abr Fenton, Brd J Grice, Brd D
Brd Wm Watson — Having no Church business
Adjourned — — — — — John Simpson

June 9th 1805

At a Church meeting held this day by adjournment
Present Brd Manson Brd Grice, Brd Eaton Brd Fuller
& Brd Fenton — Having no Church business
Adjourned — — — — — John Simpson

July 14th 1805

At the Church meeting held this day by adjournment
Pres Brd Fenton, Brd Grice Brd Watson & Brd
— Having no Church business
Adjourned — John Simpson

August 11th 1805

At the Church Meeting held this day by adjournment
Present Brd Grice Watson Fenton and Fuller
Having no Church business
adjourned — John Simpson

At a Church Meeting held September 8th 1805
present Brothers Simpson, Grice, Grout, Watson,
Upon the a Motion was made by Bro: Simpson
seconded by Bro: Grice that Mr. Asplund be
invited to be Assistant Preacher to Mr. Simpson
in Lords Day in this Place in the Afternoon
It was taken into Consideration & adjourned
to the 15th Inst:

At a Church Meeting held Sept: 15th 1805
Pursuant to adjournment present Brothers
Simpson. Grice. Fuller. Watson, Eaton & Manson
the Consideration of the former motion was
resumed & being put was carried without
opposition

It was moved by Bro: Grice & seconded
by Bro: Manson that Mr. Asplund be requested
to engage for one Twelve Months & that the
Church in Consideration for his Services to
give him 50 Guineas for that Period & that a Letter be addressed to Mr. Asplund &
that the said Letter be written by Bro: Simpson

At a Church Meeting held October 13th 1805
by adjournment present Brothers Grice,
Fuller, & Watson. Bro: Simpson informed
the Church he had written to Mr. Asplund
in the Subject of the last Church Meeting
and had received for Answer that Mr. Asplund
could give no Definitive reply untill

over leaf

the minds of his Friends at the Grave
~~The Meeting at Stackney~~ was fully
known respecting their Choice of an
Afternoon Preacher ——————

At a Church . Meeting held December
the 1805 being no Business adjourn'd —

At a Church . Meeting held January 11th .
1806 being no Business adjourned —

At a Church Meeting held February 9th 1806
Brother Simpson stated that he was directed
by Mr Aspland to inform the Church that
having accepted of the Appointment of
Afternoon Preacher at the Gravel Pit he
Declines accepting our Invitation . ——

At a Church . Meeting held . March 9th 1806
there being no Business adjourned ——

At a Church . Meeting held April 13th 1806
present Brothers Simpson Price Fuller &
Mason there being no Business adjourned

At a Church Meeting held May 18th 1806
Brother Price & Watson were appointed to
Represent the Church at the General As-
sembly of the General Baptists on Tuesday
the 27th Instant . — — — ——

London June 20th 1823-

Received of Mr Price the sum of twenty pounds, being the amount of salary due up to July 1823 as Minister of the afternoon Congregation Worship Street which I resign in consequence of ill. health -

£20-0-0

James Gilchrist

At a Church Meeting held on the 20th day
of July 1828 it was proposed, that
On account of Mr Gilchrist's Resignation
as Pastor to the Church that Mr David
Eaton be Invited to accept of that Office
& that this Invitation be communicated
to him by Brother Marsom & Brother
Grice
on behalf of the Church
John Grice.
Deacon

London July 22 1828

To the church assembling at worship at
Shoreditch, Having received from Brethren
Grice & Marsom an invitation to become
your Pastor. I hereby express my
Cordial acceptance of the ~~same~~ invitation
And humbly pray that Almighty God
may prosper our Joint labors for the honor
of his great name, & the welfare of mankind.

David Eaton

To Brethren
Grice & Marsom

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At a Church Meeting held on the 20th day
September 1829

It was resolved — That the Church having
been in a declining state for some Years
past partly owing to its only meeting in
the latter part of the Lords day & having
only a share in this Meeting House, it is
desirable that the Church should be
removed to some place where it can assemble
twice in the Lords Day ———

2nd. That as there are several General Baptists
residing in & about the Poor' who are
desirous to join this Church, it is advis-
-able to remove to that Neighbourhood
if Possible ———

3rd That Bro: Grice & Bro: Marson be
appointed to Hire a Place for Meeting -
see to the Fitting of it up - appoint a
Day for the Opening, & take such other
measures as are necessary to carry the
above Resolutions into effect ———

John Marson
Wm Ebrey
Mellora Sharpe
John Grice

In pursuance of the foregoing resolutions
the Church removed on Sunday, Oct 18th 1829
to a Room provided and fitted up for the purpose
in Trinity Place Trinity ~~L~~ Street, Blackfriars
Road Street Borough. — The Rev. Thomas Binney
of Glass House Street Church preached ~~in the~~ in the
Morn. & ~~Evening~~. and the Rev. Edward Thompson Brewster
of Hoxley Down (now Deptford) Church in the Evening
We members of the Church whose names
are undersigned, ~~have~~ are witnesses

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formerly Meeting in Nicholl Valley now Forest

Enrolled for Yearly
Meeting of Indiana

Removed to Plainfield

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members of the Church, testify that in pursuance
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Here follow signatures of 70 members of the
Church at the time of Removal

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In presence of us who are Members of the said Church

John Mardon

John Gale

Melcora Sharpe

At a Church Meeting held December 13th 1829
the following resolutions were unanimously agreed to
1st That the Persons under named, be admitted into
communion and Church Fellowship, with this Church of
White's Alley, viz

Worton	Randall		Elizabeth	Randall
Benjamin	Marchant	Decd	Sarah	Marchant
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assembling of two distinct congregations under one roof, by precluding us from meeting for worship in the morning, left us little hope of any material improvement while we remained in our accustomed place of worship: and the scanty number of our members, and the advanced age of several, warned us that no time was to be lost if we intended to make any change.

Under these circumstances we determined to remove to the Room in Thrift Street, Boro'; which was noticed in the Com^tee^ report to the last Assembly as having been opened for public worship on Unitarian Baptist Principles.

This removal was effected on the 18th of last Oct.; when two Sermons were preached, in the morning by our brother Benjamin Mardon of Worship Street and in the evening by our brother Edwin Chapman of Deptford.; to each of whom we beg to express our gratitude.

When the Students engaged to supply our pulpit, it was arranged that Mr Church should preach until the close of the Session, when he was to settle with the Congregation at Dips, which had engaged him to be their Minister; and that Mr Means should supply unless in the mean time we arranged with another during the vacation. The latter was consequently supplying at the time of removal, and continued to do so till the 13th Dec, when, by an unanimous call of the church, he was chosen to fill the pastoral office among us.—

The time which was required for the pursuit of his studies at the Academy precluding him, however, from preparing two Services regularly led him to solicit the assistance of the different Unitarian Ministers (Baptist and Presbyterian) in and about London, which they granted with a kindness that demands our best thanks.—

We had a Service on New Years day, on occasion of our Pastor's settlement, in which we were also assisted by several London Ministers, as Presbyterian as Baptist. The particulars most of you have, we presume, in the Monthly Repos^y^, or Unitarian Reformer, and therefore shall not occupy them here.

We have now Service twice on the Lord's day, viz Morning and Evening and our congregations especially in the evening afford us great hope

future increase. We have a Social meeting also on the Second Sunday in each month, on which day the Lords Supper is administerd, which we regard as exceedingly useful in promoting mutual kindness and ~~fellow~~ friendship, & in tending to make our Church what a Christian Church ought to be, a band of brethren.

We have a Small Library, formed by donations from individuals, but particularly from a grant of books to the value of £5 — from the British & Foreign Unitarian association. It is supported by Subscriptions of 1/ per quarter; and the number of Subscribers is as large as, considering the size of our congregation, we can reasonably expect.

~~Our Church received an accession of Seven Members~~

Upon the removal of the Church we received an accession of Seven members; and we hope that by the time this is laid before you we shall have received two if not three more by baptism. Our Pastor will deliver this evening the first of two Discourses in favour of this much neglected Christian ordinance. —

Our prospects of further increase would be considerably improved if we could procure a more public and suitable place of ~~religious~~ worship, one which would indicate by its appearance the purpose to which it was appropriated. We have taken several steps for this purpose but as yet without effect.

At the time when our Pastor was chosen two Deacons were also appointed, viz our brethren Benjamin Marchant & Worton Randell to assist our only remaining Deacon, Brother Ingrice, in the care of the Church.

Our last mentioned brother, so long known to you, and so well esteemed by you, has since been removed by death from the Station in life which he had so long and usefully filled. But the religious principles which had directed him in life, supported him during a lingering illness, and enabled him to triumph over the fear of death.

We appoint our brethren Jno Marson and Worton Randell our representatives at your Assembly; and, commending you to the divine blessing,

We remain, Your brethren in the gospel,

(On behalf of the Church)

John Marson

(a Copy)

(Signed)

At a meeting of the Church held this day. 13 June 1830 at the Room in Trinity place. — —

The following persons having been baptized on Whitsunday last the 30th ult. were admitted members of the Church.

Thomas James Beale — — Mary Ann Marchant
Joseph Enos Marchant — Elizabeth Edney —
John Allison —

Benjamin Heath late of the particular Baptists Church in Maze Pond Southwark was at the same time admitted member of this Church

It was then Resolved. —

That our Brother William Coulsell be appointed a Deacon of this Church ——.

That our Brother William Coulsell be also requested to act as Treasurer of the Church for the next Three Years. —

Brother Means reported that he had received the half yearly dividend from the trustees of Pierce Johns' Estate amounting to £50. & wished the Church to direct him to whom he was to pay it

Resolved. — That Brother Means be directed to pay the above Sum to Brother Coulsell. ——

That Brother Randall be requested to apply to the Exec.rs of our late Brother Grice for his accounts as Treasurer of the Church. and for the Church Books ——.

That the Deacons be requested to prepare a Statement of the pecuniary affairs of the Church and lay it before a Church meeting as soon as they conveniently can.

That our Brother Joseph Enos Marchant be recommended to the Managers of the General Baptist Fund to be chosen Trustees Managers in the room of our late brother Grice. —

That Brother Randall & Brother Beale be requested to wait upon Brother Cotton, to enquire why he does not attend public worship with the Church.

That the Deacons be reimbursed in what money they may advance the poor of this Church in any Sum not exceeding three pounds.

Joseph Harrow Clerk

John Harrison

Benjamin Heath

Worton Randell

Joseph Emerson Merchant

John Allison

Mary Ann Merchant

Elizabeth Edney

Thos Jas Beare

Mellora Sharpe

Elizabeth Randell

Benj Merchant

At a meeting of the Church held at the Room in Trinity Place this day on Tuesday 12th Sept 1830. Resolved.

That the Deacons be desired ~~can~~ to continue to our Brother Marchant the allowance of 2/- ₱ week which they have been in the habit of making him for some weeks past.

That ~~the~~ our Brother Tho.s Ja.s Beale be recommended to the trustees of Pierce Johns's Estates to be chosen by them in the room of our late Brother Grice.—

That the ~~Deacons~~ Treasurer do make up his ~~the~~ accounts regularly to the end of June & Dec.r each year and lay them before the Church meeting held next after those periods.—and that when approved by the Church they be ~~laid before~~ read at a general meeting of the Congregat.n.—

That ~~the proper~~ it be proposed to the Glass House Church to abolish the for the use of the baptistry in case of the baptism of any one who proposes to join either Church.—

The circular issued by the ~~Com.e~~ General Baptist Committee proposing the establishment of a General Baptist Periodical was read.—resolved

That this Church warmly approves of the Committee's proposal & recommends the periodical to the patronage of the Members.—.—

Joseph Isbrow Means.—
Wm Norton Randell
Tho.s Ja.s Beale
Joseph Cros Marchant
John Allison

At a meeting of the Church held at the room in Trinity Place this day. Sunday 14th Nov 1830. —

The resolutions of the last Church meeting were read. —

Sarah Ann Jeffrey. having been baptized on the 10th Oct. was admitted a member of this church. —

Brother Coulsell reported that Mr Cockerell expressed his willingness to continue to let us the room in which we now assemble, at the present rent of Thirty Pounds ~~paid~~ payable as before in advance. —

Resolved - That our Brethren Beale, Coulsell, & Means, do wait upon Mr. Cockerell & agree with him if possible for the room at a rent of £30. & annum payable in advance quarterly.

Brother Means read a letter he had received from Mr Treacher respecting money in the Funds belonging to this Church, - in which letter it was stated that the amt was in 1819 - £110 - 14 - 6 5 ℔ Cent Stock but changed by act of Parliament to £114. 4 ℔ Cent, & now the same amt. £3/2 ℔ cent. The declaration of trust is in Mr Treachers possession, but he expressed his willingness to give it up to persons properly appointed to receive it. — The trustees were John Treacher John Grice Wm Tilford. & Jn. Tuff of whom the three last are now deceased. — Mr Treacher states that the money was to be divided between the ministers & poor. — It was

Resolved That our brethren. Joseph Enos Merchant, Worton Randall, & Benjamin Heath be appointed to fill the vacancies in the above trust.

Resolved. That in the opinion of this church the establishment of a Sunday is highly desirable, and that it be proposed at the monthly social meeting of persons attending divine service in this place, which will be held this evening. —

Joseph Sabrow Means
Benjamin Heath
Thos Jos Beale
John Allison
Joseph Enos Merchant
William Coulsell
Sarah Ann Jeffery
Worton Randell

At a meeting of the Church held at the Rooms on Trinity Plain
day Sunday - 27 March 1831.

The resolutions of the last Church meeting were read
ved. That the allowance of 2/- ℔ week made on the 12th Sept 1830 to our Brother
Merchant, be continued to his widow.

ved. That Brother Means be requested to communicate with Mr Treneher
& arrange for transfer of the Stock mentioned in the ~~report~~ memorandum
report made by Brother Means to the last Church meeting.

Joseph Barrow Means
Wm Norton Nankivell
William Coupland
Thos Jas Beale
Joseph Enoch Bourchier

At a Church Meeting held at the Room in Trinity Place this day Sunday. 8th May 1831

The minutes of the last Church meeting were read

Brother Means stated that he had not communicated with Mr Treacher on the subject of transferring the stock agreeably to the resolve of the last meeting, wishing to submit to the Church the propriety of selecting younger persons for the trust.

Resolved: That Mr Beale be appointed to the above trust in the room of Mr Treacher & in addition to the trustees appointed at the Church meeting held on the 14th Nov. last.

Resolved that a letter (as below) be sent to the General Baptist Assembly & that the Pastor & Deacons sign it on behalf of the Church.

Resolved that our Brethren John Marsom & Worton Randall be appointed to represent this Church at the Assembly.

Joseph Salbrow Means
John Marsom
Benjamin Heath
William Coulsell
Joseph Cox Merchant
Thos Pat Beale
John Allison
Sarah Jeffery
Mary Ann Merchant

(Copy).

The General Baptist Church formerly meeting in White's Alley Moorfields & now in Trinity Place, Borough, to the General Assembly of General Baptist Churches.

Christian Brethren

Although it would have given us pleasure to communicate to your Assembly a more favourable account of our Condition than a regard for truth will allow us to give, yet we have much cause to be thankful to Almighty God, and to hope that hereafter we shall be able to give a

encouraging Statement.

We have experienced in the last twelve months a diminution in the number of our hearers, which, if compared with our always scanty numbers, must be deemed considerable. It is indeed the misfortune of small bodies, that they shew much more plainly those fluctuations which in larger ones are scarcely noticed. Deaths, removals, sickness, and the variety of other circumstances, which lead to these fluctuations, will of course effect these as well as others, but their inroads are scarcely so formidable, and the vacancies caused are more easily filled up. — These causes have effected us. We have to regret the loss of two of our Deacons, Mr Benjamin Marchant, who was removed by Death in the month of December last. His connexion with us has been but short, but his Christian demeanour and his steady attendance at our religious services gained for him our esteem. —

We intimated in our last letter our expectation that before the meeting of the last Assembly, we should receive two or three members by baptism. Our expectations were more than realized. Instead of two or three we had six Candidates five of whom were baptized on Whitsunday and one in the following autumn: so that notwithstanding the loss of our venerable brother mentioned above, our number of members amounts to sixteen.

Our congregational library is steadily increasing, and is well supported. We have also opened a Sunday School, and though our scanty numbers prevent its being a large one yet we hope it will be the means of some present usefulness, and the source of more extended benefits in future.

We have not yet been successful in our attempts to obtain a more suitable and more permanent place of meeting. We think we should have a considerably larger congregation if we could succeed in this: but we cannot see any immediate prospect of doing so. — We have indeed independent of this the prospect of

future increase, as the younger branches of our families grow up. We have been formed into a Class by our Pastor, and meet him on the morning of each Lord's day for the purpose of receiving religious instruction. We hold a meeting for mutual improvement every Wednesday evening, and are happy to say that for so small a congregation it has been very well attended. And we hope that by these means the young may be brought to interest themselves in the Cause of Religion, and to see the propriety and duty of uniting in Church fellowship. The circumstance too that our Pastors term at the Academy will expire this session is so far favorable to us, that it will enable him to fix his residence among us and to give him greater opportunities of exerting himself than he possesses at present.

We think the establishment of a periodical devoted to our interests as General Baptists is an event of considerable importance to us. Such a work had long been wanted, and we hope now that it is established, it will meet with that support which its obvious usefulness demands. We have accordingly to our ability endeavoured to promote its sale.

Wishing that your deliberations may be beneficial to the cause of truth and commending you to the favour of God and of his son Jesus we remain

Your brethren in the Gospel
on behalf of the Church
(Signed) Joseph Larom-Mecaus Past

8th May 1831 —

P. S. We appoint our brethren John Marsom & Worlon Randall to represent us at your assembly. —

At a Church Meeting held at the Room in Trinity Place,
Sunday 11 Sept. 1831. —

Brother Means besought the divine blessing. —
The Minutes of the last meeting were read. —
James Halliwell (who had been baptized by Brother Means this fortnight) was admitted a member of this Church Brother Marson giving him a word of exhortation thereupon. —

Brother Means reported that he had not communicated with Mr Reaches respecting the property in the Funds mentioned in the resolution of 14th Nov. last. —

Resolved — That the appointment of a fourth person to fill up the trust of the above property be deferred till the next Church meeting

It having been reported that Mrs Evans, the person who cleans the room &c — did not properly attend to her duty —
Resolved. That she be discharged at Xtmas next, & that notice thereof be forthwith given her. — —

Joseph Salmon Means
John Marson
Sarah Jeffery
Mary Ann Marchant
William Coulsell
John Cotton
Joseph Enos Marchant
Thos Jabez Beale
James Halliwell

At a Church meeting held at the Room in Trinity Place on Thursday Evening - 27th Sept 1831 -

It was resolved. —

That as there seems some probability of having a place built for us on ground at the back of the houses in Dover Street belonging to Mr Blackett, if we could give a premium for a lease - It is desirable to raise the sum of one Hundred Pounds in Shares of Ten Pounds each bearing interest at the rate of four p Cent - one Share to be paid off yearly — " —

That a Subscription be opened for the above purpose - the subscriptions to be paid ~~at~~ in one ~~sum~~ sum or in smaller sums, at fixed periods (weekly or monthly or at any other times) at the convenience of the Subscribers. — —

That Brother Coulsill & Brother Means be desired to wait upon Mr Blackett, and enquire upon what terms he will build a meeting house capable of holding 200 persons, and let it to this Congregation upon a lease — — — .

Joseph Calvert Means
William Coulsill
Joseph Evans Newsham
Thos Jas Beale
John Ellison
James Hallinell.

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At a Church held

At a Church meeting ~~held~~ held at the Room in Trinity Place, on Sunday Afternoon, 27 Nov. 1831.

Brother Means besought the divine blessing —

It was resolved. That it seems desirable, as the various attempts made to procure a more suitable place of meeting for this Church have hitherto failed, to endeavour to make an arrangement with Mr. Cockerell our Landlord, for retaining this room for the present.

That it seems desirable that the following alterations should be made in case of our staying here — That backs be put to the seats — That the aisle be matted —— That a glass door be put between the passage room be lighted & the passage better lighted —. That the window be bricked up & the passage to the Stable yard ceild. — That a water closet be provided — and a cistern upon the same floor of the room — And that a more conspicuous inscription be placed on the outside. —. And that the Church have the sole occupation of the room

That Brother Coulsell and Brother Beale be requested to wait on Mr Cockerell. & intimate to him the willingness of the Church to engage the room for a short term of years if he will agree to make the above alterations with the exception of the first three which the Church is willing to undertake. —

That the Scale of burial fees proposed by the Church at their meeting at Worship Street be agreed to, as well as the notice they have drawn up to be sent to the different Cemeteries & Chapels in London

That Brother Means communicate to Mr Teacher the names of the persons appointed to fill up the vacancies in the trust alluded to in the first resolution of the last meeting, and which persons are Joseph Enos Merchant & Worlon Randall (see Church meeting of the 14 Nov 1830) & Thos J. Beale (see church meeting of the 8th of May 1831 ~~21 Nov. 1830~~). & request him to get the transfer

effected without delay.—

That Mr. Beale Senr. be appointed to clean & take care of the Room.—

Wm. Harrowmans
Jos. Mountfort Senr.
William Coulsile
Thomas Beale
Wm. Randett
John Allison
James Halliwell

Mem.ᵒ. In consequence of Mr. Cockerell requiring a considerable advance of rent and that the Church should engage the place for a term of Seven years (on which conditions he was willing to board the passage to the Stable yards.—to block up the window into the same yard to partition off a passage, so as to communicate with the upper room (which he proposes to take from us) without going thro' the room adjoining to worship.—to make a window so as to enable us to part off a small vestry.—and to give us the sole occupation of the said room) it was thought right by the members of the Church to consult the usual attendants on our public services, which was done on Sunday Evening Dec 11th.— when the opinion of the meeting was declared to be that the room should be engaged for another year on the terms on which we at present occupy it.— and also that a number of the seats should be provided with backs to— under the direction of the officers of the Church.—

At a Church Meeting held at Trinity Place
Sunday afternoon - Jan. 15th 1832 -

Brother Means besought the divine blessing.

Brother Means reported that Mr Treacher was desirous of retiring from the trust of the Funded Property belonging to the Church -

Resolved that the matter stand over & that Brother Means ascertain from Mr Treacher whether the Trustees should be members of this or of any Baptist Church.

Resolved. That ~~two Sermons~~ be Collections be made on the Sunday immediately Succeeding the last of Brother Means' present Course of Lectures to defray the expences incurred in the alterations of the Place - and that Mr Aspland be invited to preach. -

The above alterations were reported by Brother Randall to consist of backs put to the seats, and the provision of matting for the floor & that the walls had been coloured and painted - at an expense of about £7.10 - towards which Mr Cockerell allowed one Pound. -

Resolved that the thanks of this Church are hereby given to our brother Randall for his personal exertions in the above alterations

The Treasurers half yearly account was examined and approved shewing a balance of £1 ~~2 6~~ eleven Shillings & three pence

Resolved that the treasurer be requested to insure the property of the Congregation.

Resolved - that Mr Hamer's collection of Hymns be forthwith introduced provided it meets the approval of the Congregation at large. -

John Cotton
James Hallinell
Joseph Evans Marshall

Joseph Gilbrow Means
Wonton Randell
Thomas James Beale

At a Church meeting held at Trinity Place, March. 18th. 1832

Brother Means besought the Divine blessing

Brother Means reported that he had received letters from Mr Francis & Mr John Evans with respect to the trust property mentioned in the first resolution of the Church Meeting on the 15th Jan. 1832 and that from Mr Evans's letter it appears that upon the reduction of the trustees to two the remainder, or in their default, "the majority of the Subscribing members of the Congregation" should appoint two other fit and proper persons to be trustees in their room." without the deed specifying any condition as to them being members of any Baptist Church or otherwise.

Resolved that the three persons be mentioned in the 5th resolution of the church meeting of Nov. 27th be together with Mr John Evans member of the Glass House Yard Church now meeting in Worship St be nominated at a General meeting of the Subscribing members of this Congregation "(to be for that purpose summoned) as fit & proper persons to fill up the Vacancy of this trust.—

Resolved that in the opinion of the members of this Church it is desirable to form a General Baptist Association on the plan of that existing among our Kentish brethren to include those Churches which are not in connexion with the Kentish Association & which may be willing to unite with us.

Resolved That it would be further desirable to hold an annual meeting of the elders and representatives of such associated Churches in the latter part of the Summer or the beginning of Autumn at which the interests of the Churches should be taken into consideration and such measures adopted as might seem calculated to revive or strengthen or enlarge them: & that such meeting should be held at different places in different years as convenience might dictate

Resolved That the London and Southern General Baptist Association would be an appropriate title and that the Association might comprehend

the following Churches. Worship Street & Trinity Place, London, - Nutfield & Godalming, Surry, Horsham Billingshurst Crawley Cuckfield Ditchling in Sussex - and Portsmouth in Hants. -

That these resolutions be sent for insertion in the General Baptist Advocate so that they may be made known to the Brethren concerned in them; and that the above mentioned Churches be requested to signify by their Letters or representatives at the next Assembly their concurrence in or dissent from those resolutions this proposal; and in case of their concurrence to empower their representatives to fix time and place for the first meeting in the ensuing Summer or autumn. -

Joseph Larrow Mears
Joseph Evans Wareham
Worton Randell
Thos Jas Beale

Treasurer of the Fund
Trustee of Stock

At a Church Meeting held in Trinity Place on Sunday Afternoon, the 27th May 1832—

The minutes of the last meeting were read.—

Brother Means beseought the divine blessing.—

Brother Means reported that it was necessary that a Manager of the Baptist Fund should be appointed in the room of Mr Price deceased — and that the nomination was in the "Congregation" — but that he knew not whether that term coincides with ~~which~~ "Church" or not — but recommended that the Church should nominate some one to be approved by the Congregation at large; i.e. by the regular attendants upon public worship in this place —.

Resolved that our Brother Joseph Enos Merchant be nominated according to the above suggestion, and that a Congregational meeting be called for next Sunday morning —

Resolved that our Brethren Worlon Randell and John Mason be our representatives at the next Assembly

Resolved that a letter as below ~~the~~ be sent to the General Assembly after being signed by the Pastor and deacons on behalf of the Church —

Joseph Calrow Means — Pastor.
Wonton Randell
Thos Jas Beach
John Allison
Joseph Merchant

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The General Baptist Church meeting in Trinity Place near Blackman Street Borough, to the General Assembly of General Bap Churches.—

Christian Brethren

We rejoice in the approach of our annual meeting: it gives us pleasure to receive intelligence of the condition of the churches same faith and order with ourselves, and to consult with them on subje common interest. May the blessing of God be upon your deliberations, Brethren and render them effectual to the promotion of truth.

For ourselves we have great reason to be thankful to the all disposer of events, for the success which has attended our efforts during past year. The number of our hearers has been steadily increasing and although we have only added one member to our church, yet we that the spirit of enquiry which has been excited, will lead some who with us in Christian worship, to own their master in that simple a impressive manner which he has been pleased to appoint.— We have one aged and esteemed member, Mr Benjamin Heath who joined upon our removal to the Boro': and was much respected among ~~upon~~ He sleeps, we trust, in Jesus, waiting the voice which shall call him to unite with a more holy and glorified assembly than any on earth The wife also of one of our Deacons has been called from the scene earthly labours and duties to enter we hope into the rest which remaineth for the people of God. May these inroads which dea made into our church warn us to work while it is called to day to sustain as we best may, the ark of truth until we too are to consign it to other hands.—

The number of our members is at present seventeen. incl our pastor and two deacons. Our morning congregation probably nearly forty exclusive of our Sunday School and our evening Cong fifty or sixty.

Our Sunday School has increased beyond the most sang expectation - The number of scholars is more than one hundred a twelve of our congregation give their valuable services as gratuitous teachers. Two of these were led to attend worship with us by engag in this work of instruction.— It gives us pleasure to observe the with which the children attend, and to notice that several of them to our evening service at which their presence is quite voluntary

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At a Church meeting held in Trinity Place, on Sunday Morning 2nd Sept. 1832.— It was resolved.—

1 That our Brother Joseph Enos Marchant be appointed representative of this church at the approaching meeting of the London & Southern B. Association.

2 That he be empowered to ~~contribute~~ £1. in the name of the Church, in case an association-Fund ~~can~~ should be formed.—

3. That the letter now read (as below) be approved and sent as the letter of this Church to the above Association.—

Joseph Calrow Clerk

William Caudwell

Thos Sat Bevan

Joseph Enos Marchant

Joseph S. Marchant

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We could fain hope that under the blessing of God the principles
true religion may be thus widely diffused. The more advanced c
attend the school twice in the week; once to learn writing & arith
and again to be instructed in History & Geography — Indeed some of t
receive a second weekly lesson in writing, and the girls come on We
to learn needlework. Our Pastor continues to instruct a class of
young people on Sunday morning to which the elder Sunda
scholars are admitted.

Our congregational Library is maintained with considerable
The number of subscribers is twenty six; & several of the Sunda
scholars who are admitted at a lower rate, take out books. It conta
at present more than one hundred & eighty volumes some however very
besides pamphlets. A considerable number of the books are adapted
young persons and were purchased with a view to their benefit at the
British & Foreign School in the Borough road. From the excelle
of their contents and the lowness of their price (£1.17.4 for the set
56 or 57 vols) we recommend them to any of our brethren who are de
of establishing or augmenting a Sunday School Library or a juvenil
branch of a congregational library

We have also an association for distributing tracts by lo
among the inhabitants of the neighbourhood — About sixty familie
thus supplied chiefly with the excellent publications of the Christi
Tract society. We trust to be useful in this manner in spread
the principles of vital holiness, and gradually obviating the pre
which obstruct the spread of truth.

our weekly meetings for mutual improvement continue
They were suspended? superseded for a time last Summer but resumed on
approach of winter & have been continued with interest ever sin
our plan has been to discuss religious subjects alternately with diff
branches of general knowledge. a course of familiar lectures o
the evidences of revealed religion was delivered by our pastor at
meetings, and was succeeded by a discussion (continued by adjourn
for several evenings) on the subject of baptism — This discu
was attended by some of the Deptford Congregation as well as
own people and we hope its effect has been favourable

Such brethren has been the state of our church d
the past year. Considering the too general depression of

ause we cannot but regard it as very encouraging and our hopes
increased by the harmony which prevails among us and the disposition
unite our exertions in the cause of truth. We look forward to further
orts as our numbers & resources increase. and pray that the Lord
sus christ himself and God even our Father who hath given us
verlasting consolation & good hope thro' grace may build us up
a church to the glory of God and the promotion of the gospel.

We trust Brethren that those of you who are concerned have
liberated upon our proposal for the formation of a district association
London & the Southern Counties. — We think benefit may be derived
om it and in the present state of the General Baptists we shall do
ell to strengthen each others hands. We believe that amidst all our
fficulties and discouragements it needs but exertion made with a proper
irit and with sound judgment to effect a revival. The cultivation
piety should be our primary object; and adherence to the scriptures
leading principle. Upon them our churches are built, and when
leave them to follow the refinements of men, we forsake our
rest ground, and the prepare the way for our own downfal

We again Brethren commend you to God and the word
his grace, which is able to build you up, and to give you
n inheritance among all them that are sanctified

& are

Yours in the bonds of the gospel
on behalf of the church
signed Joseph Cabrow Means Pastor
" Norton Randell } Deacons
" William Coulsell }

P.S. We appoint our brethren John Marson & Norton Randell to
present us in your assembly.

2 P.S. Our social tea Meetings are kept up with unabated spirit and we
believe that much of the harmony as well as zeal which we trust prevails
among us, is owing to these. We recommend to our brethren the adoption of
ese meetings. Some of the useful institutions connected with our church
ave been proposed at them and among these a society for the relief of
e poor who may be brought under our notice

We take this opportunity of saying that we have not yet
secured a more suitable place of worship. This we feel is a drawback
nd glad should we be if by any away this difficulty could be
removed.

The Genral Baptist Church meeting in Coles Court near the Dover Ro
Gate in Trinity Hall Southwark to the Genral Assembly of Genral Bap
assembled.

Christian Brethren

The past year has been such as to give us abun
reason for thankfulness to the giver of every good and perfect gift, and
add to the pleasure which we commonly feel in meeting you at our yearly Assem

We have been enabled at last to meet with a place of worship, of o
we have purchased the lease; and thus are free from the anxiety which the uncert
of our continuing to hold our former place of meeting caused us to feel. Our new Meeting
house has been erected within the last two or three years, and is held on a lease of w
some sixty years are unexpired, at a rental of £42.10 p annum, with an addit
charge for insurance which amounts to nearly £2 more. It is a neat building, si
in Cooles Court, between the Dover Road & Trinity Square so near to our former pl
that we did not incur the risk of diminishing our hearers by the removal. It
seat about 270 persons with ample room for erecting a gallery if at any f
period, it should become requisite.

Having thus a suitable place to receive you allow us to suggest t
Brethren the desirableness of the Assembly being occasionally (perhaps every o
year) held on our side of the water. — There would be convenience in this, as
meeting house is between those in Worship[st] & Deptford; and in the neighbourh
of the inns where ~~most~~ some of you are in the habit of staying during your abo
London - At an early period in the history of our Assembly, we find it was held
sometimes at one place & sometimes at another, and we think some advanta
would result from a return to this ancient practice. It is beneficial to the
at whose place of worship the Assembly meets, and it is likely to counteract th
tendency to stagnation which we fear has sometimes marked our proceedings

For the lease we have agreed to give the sum of £150 and as fo
uncertainty of our obtaining it we had been led to re engage our room fo
Place for a year, the expense attendant upon our removal has been consider
beyond our resources. It is as follows

Cost of Lease	£150	
Rent of Trinity R	30	
Law & other expenses	20	
	200	
reserved fund	40	to meet expense of repa
	240	must be done no very long hence & also the cost of in

We have raised among ourselves ab[t]	£53	
Collections at opening	9	
Donations since	55	
	117	
leaving a Balance of	£123;	for aid in liquidat

to which we appeal to our Christian Brethren at large, and to you, brethren, in p
trusting that you will, as a body, sanction, and individually answer to our ap
We think that the revival and increase of our church authorize us in expect
sympathy and assistance

We have added six members to our Church, this last year, fou

...ism; one who had long been with us but had not thro' oversight been ...
...ously recognized; and one who has only within about a year settled in London, having been ...
...ized long ago. Two young men who have been baptized and take the Communion ...
...us and are active supporters of our Sunday School & other institutions, declining being ...
...nized as members, deeming that Christian Churches should be less sectarian in form ...
...refore reckoning these two the number of our members is twenty three including ...
...Bishop and two Deacons. Some of these however from distance, advanced years, & other ...
...can attend worship with us only occasionally. And one (our venerable brother Marsom) ...
...this time labouring under sickness which his advanced age renders alarming. We must ...
...leave the event in the hands of Him who will do all things well, and who has ...
...said "Even to your old age I am he, and even to hoar hairs will I carry you. I have ...
...and I will bear: even I will carry and will deliver you" Is. 46. 4.

Our number of Hearers averages (perhaps 45) in the morning & 75 in the evg ...
...ings, but without reckoning the Sunday Scholars unless they are the children of regular ...
...dants. Our services are two - Morning (commencing at 11 o'clock) - and evening ...
...mencing at ½ past 6) our Communicants average nearly 30 We have a Meeting ...
...Thursday Evening chiefly of our younger hearers for the purpose of mutual instruction ...
...Alternate evenings we read the Scriptures and enquire into their meaning & on ...
...intermediate evenings we pursue some branch of General knowledge - a series of ...
...ures on the History of England is now in course of delivery - These meetings are ...
...ays opened with singing & closed with singing and prayer 130

Our Sunday School has increased considerably we have now abt 120 ...
...them; but like most other Schools in London the attendance falls considerably short of the ...
...ber on the Books. We have usually about 60 to 70 in the morning & abt 80 in ...
...afternoon

The Elder scholars form part and indeed the chief part of our ...
...ctors Sunday Morning Class of young people.

Our Society for distributing Tracts by loan has also enlarged its ...
...rations; it supplies probably more than Eighty Individuals or families; the ...
...tributors leave them at their houses & call to exchange them; & thus a greater ...
...culation is obtained than would be procured by attending to distribute them only ...
...the Meeting House. —

Our Library has also been considerably enlarged & is well supported ...
...ndering our numbers We have more than 600 besides pamphlets.

Our monthly Social meetings are kept up with unabated interest ...
...is partly owing to a M.S. periodical managed by some of our young friends, the ...
...ding of which forms part of the entertainment. We repeat our conviction of the usefulness ...
...these meetings in exciting and maintaining mutual regard - They afford us also the ...
...portunity of bringing forward and discussing any plans of usefulness suggested. —

It gives us great pleasure satisfaction last year to meet our brethren ...
...the newly formed London & Southern Association: & hope it may be the means under the ...
...blessing of strengthening our churches We look forward to meet them again and ...
...join in peace & mutual love.

We trust Brethren that the dawn of a brighter day for the free Baptists is at hand ...
...for there are tokens that the tide which has been so long ebbing is at length about to flow. Be it ours ...
...to exert ourselves in the cause of truth piety & human salvation - avoiding the irrational & unscriptural ...
...sentiments which so generally prevail in the Church of Christ, & shunning on the other hand the cavilling & unbelieving ...
...cold scepticism, or the vague indefinite and mystical notions of others; let us hold to the same ...
...form of truth and bring our doctrines & our ordinances as near as may be to the standard of apostolic purity. —

And may the blessing of God be upon your deliberations; and the peace of ...
...God which passeth all understanding keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus - Signed on behalf of the Church

Joseph Cabrio Means. Pastor

& Deacons

We appoint as our representatives our brethren Morton Randell & Wm Coulsell or in failure ...
...of these our brother Jos. Ewer Merchant

At a church Meeting held in Trinity Place on Sunday Afternoon —
the 22nd July 1832 — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — —

1. Brother Means beseought the divine blessing. —
2. The minutes of the last meeting were read —
3 It was reported that a congregational meeting had been held according to the 3d. Minute of the last Meeting at which the nomination of Mr Jos.h E. Merchant as manager of the Baptist Fund had been approved as also the nomination of the trustees for funded property mentioned in the 3d. Minute of the meeting of the 18th. of March last
4 Brother Means mentioned that he had communicated to Mr Treacher the nomination of trustees as above. —
5. — Miss Hannah Maria Heath daughter of our late brother Benjamin Heath was admitted a member of this church —
6. Mrs Anna Stower was also admitted a member. —
7 Mr Joseph [redacted] Marchant son of our brother Joseph Enos Marchant was admitted a member of this church. — having been lately baptized by our Pastor. — —
8. The Treasurers' account was examined & approved, showing a balance of £ — eight shillings due from the church to him: —

Joseph Larrow Means
John Allison
Joseph Enos Marchant
Thomas James Beale
Joseph Marchant
Norton Randell
William Coubell
John Cotton

Sept 2nd. A Church meeting was held the minutes of which were inadvertently inserted in p. 553. — The letter mentioned in the 3rd minute is as follows. —

The Christian Church holding the doctrine of General redemption & the practice of believer's Baptism, meeting in Trinity Place London the brethren of the same faith and order, who are to assemble at Horsham Sussex on the 12 Sept. inst.

Christian Brethren

We rejoice in communicating with this first meeting of our new Association for the promotion of those Christian views in which we agree, and trust and pray that it may be the first of a long series of meetings productive of mutual encouragement help & consolation

As it is the ancient and useful custom of our associations and our general assembly to communicate an account of our state and condition whereby we are informed of each others welfare and interested in each others behalf; we are glad that we can say it is well with us — well at least comparatively; for we are yet but a small and in many respects a feeble society. Our Congregation averages perhaps fifty, and three persons have made profession of their belief in Christ by baptism, although only one of these has actually joined our Church as a member; for we need hardly remark, brethren, that those who are baptized are baptized into Christ and own no other Master upon earth. The other two object to our Church as Sectarian and exclusive, and therefore decline to become members; though they join with us in our public services, in the commemoration of our master's death, and in our plans for spreading the knowledge and practice of God's will. We respect their scruples tho' we do not share them. Our Sunday school, our Library, and our other institutions continue much as they were at the Assembly.

The object of our Meeting Brethren we consider to be to work together in the cause of truth, and to strengthen the hands of those among us who have difficulties and burdens to struggle against. There are among us small churches which may be revived and meeting houses which may be ultimately re-opened. It will be for those of you who are better acquainted with the local circumstances of each case than we can be to suggest the peculiar remedies. Allow us to offer the following observations. —

We think the circulation of Tracts inculcating the great Tr
of the Gospel a very important and useful means of promoting the
and extending right views of religion. They are silent preachers
in places where the population is scattered might be very useful.
A grant of such to some of our churches would we consider be of g
Service.—

Such tracts if circulated by loan (which we think the best
would form the nucleus of a congregational Library

Sunday Schools where practicable, we believe to be not only
useful ~~to~~ in themselves but great helps to a congregation. Even wh
no Congregation exists or where individuals reside at a distance; a
children might be collected and instructed in private houses if
willing to engage were assisted by the presentation of a few books.

Possibly also there are one or two places in our connexi
where a Course of lectures might be delivered with advantage
did not the expence constitute an hindrance

We suggest therefore the propriety of forming an associat
fund for these and other purposes, should there be any cases in
which our assistance would be useful; and our representative
or representatives at your meeting will be empowered to contri
on our behalf. We remain

Christian Brethren

Yours in the bonds of the Gospel

Sept. 2nd 1832

At a Church meeting held at Trinity Place, on Sunday afternoon 9th Dec. 1832—

Brother Means besought the divine blessing

The minutes of the last meeting were read.—

Mary Ann Stower (daughter of our Sister Ann Stower) Eliza Saint and Susannah Dann Booth, having been baptized by our Brother Means were admitted members of ~~this~~ church.—

That it be referred to the Deacons to appoint some one to take care of the house & clean it, in the room of Mrs Beale, who retires at Xmas—

Brother Means reported that the Stocks referred to in several foregoing Church Meetings had been transferred into the names of the trustees ~~of~~ appointed by the Church (see page 547).—

Brother Marchant reported that he had attended the meeting of the London & Southern G.B Association at Horsham on the 6th Sept. ult.— that he had been much gratified by the attendance & warmth of feeling displayed—and that he had paid the £1, as directed by the church (see p 553).—

Joseph Marrow Means
Wm Thornton Randell
E Saint
Joseph Emery Marchant
Joseph Marchant
Thomas James Beale
all of Maidstone
& Rivendell

Sarah Dixon
Wm Caldwell
Jane Caldwell

At a Church meeting held in Trinity Place, on Sunday Afternoon, the 13th Jany 1833 —

Brother Means besought the divine blessing

The minutes of the last meeting were read

Brother Randell reported that the Deacons had engaged Mr Johnson whose daughter is one of the teachers in our Sunday School — to take charge of the room on the same terms as before. —

The exertions of the members of this Church in conjunction with those of other friends who started to attend divine worship with us to obtain a more suitable place of worship in Coles Street, Dover Road (in the immediate Neighbourhood of our present place of meeting) having been under the blessing of God, crowned with success. —— It was resolved. —

That this Church entirely approves of the Steps which have been taken for the above purpose — and desires to record its thankfulness to that Good Being, under whose providence, the wished for result has been obtained.

That as an agreement has been entered into for the purchase of the lease of the above place on behalf of the Congregation (which consists of this Church & others who assemble with us for public worship.) — this Church approves of these persons members of this Church being among the trustees of the lease

That this Church will remove to Coles Street next Sunday

That the Deacons be requested to take the necessary steps

ous to the removal —.

Joseph Sabrow Means
Wonton Randall
Thos Jas Beale
Jas Jph Marchants
James Hallinell
Eliza Saint
Elizabeth Randall

Memorandum

On the 20th. January. 1833 agreeably to the resolution of the foregoing
rch meeting — the Church removed to the meeting house in Coles
et — the lease of which has been purchased by the Church and Congre-
ation — On which occasion there were three services; in the morning
fternoon, and evening: the Sermon in the morning being preached by
Wm Hardie pastor of the Old General Baptist Church in Worship
Street — that in the afternoon by our Brother Means pastor of
his church, and that in the evening by the Rev Aspland, Minister
of the (Presbyterian) Unitarian Congregation, at Hackney — at one or
ne of which services we the undersigned members of the Church
ere present —

Joseph Sabrow Means
Joseph Eaton Merchant
Thomas James Beale
Jos Jph Marchants
Wm A Merchant
Wonton Randall
Elizabeth Randell

At a Church meeting held at the room lately occupied by the Church for public worship in Trinity Place — on Sunday afternoon 10th. of February. — 1833

Brother Means besought the divine blessing

The minutes of the last meeting were read

An attestation of the removal of the Church was drawn up (see the foregoing page) & signed by the Members present at this meeting.

A draft of a Circular Soliciting aid towards the liquidation of the debt incurred in the purchase of the lease having been read & adopted

It was resolved —

That four hundred copies be printed forthwith. —

It was resolved that our Brethren Joseph Enos Merchant & Thomas James Beale be appointed to audit the Treasurers accounts. —

It was resolved that unless the room be previously let to Strangers it be advertised on the cover of the next Evangelical Magazine

It was further resolved that for the future a Church meeting be held at 8 o'Clock on the first Wednesday Evening in Jan.y Feb.y May July September & November.

Joseph Galloway Means
Norton Randell
Joseph Enos
Joseph Merchants
Thomas James Beale

At a Church (Meeting) held in the Meeting House in Coles St (Monday) Evening) – 13th May 1833.—

Brother Means besought the divine blessing—

~~Had~~ The minutes of the last meeting were read ~~and received~~

The report of the Auditors appointed at the last meeting was also read, from which it appeared that there was a balance in the Treasurer's hands of £9. 15. 11.—

The letter to the Assembly, drawn up by Bro: Means was read.

It was resolved. That our Brethren Worton Randell and William Coxhill be our representatives at the next General Assembly, or in failure of either of these our Brother Joseph Enos Marchant.—

It was resolved That our representatives be requested to support the Suggestion contained in the letter now read, that the General Assembly be next year held at Coles Street

It was resolved That the above letter be adopted as the letter of this Church to the Assembly.—

Joseph Salrow Means

Joseph Enos Marchants

John Allison

Joseph Marchants

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Coles Street Meeting

12 June 1833.

The Lease of the Chapel having been duly assigned the
Evening the said Lease was delivered into the hands of Mr.
Wm Coulsell 109 Castle Street Southwark

I have this day received the above Lease.

William Coulsell

Witness Alfred Morgan

At a Church Meeting held at Soles Street on Sunday Even.g
4th Aug.t 1833.

It was resolved — That Mr Allison & Mr. Joseph Merchant Jr
be appointed to audit the Treasurers accounts and that they
be requested to present their report to a Church Meeting to
be held next Sunday Afternoon —

Joseph Sabrow Means
Morton Randell
Joseph Enos Merchant
Thomas James Beaver
Mary.t Ann Stower
Joseph Merchant Jr
John Allison

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At a Church meeting held at Coles Street on Sunday afternoon, the 11th Augt. 1833 –

Brother Means besought the divine blessing –

The minutes of the last meeting were read –

The report of the Auditors appointed at the last meeting was read & approved. – shewing a balance in the Treasurers hands of £24 – 7 – 8

It was resolved that our Brother Worton Randell be treasurer for the next three years –

Joseph Larrow Means
Worton Randell
Thos Jas Beare
Joseph. Marchant
Mellora Sharpe
Mary Ann Stower
Eliza Saint
Joseph Lucas Marchant
Elizabeth Randell

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The General Baptist Church meeting in Soles Street London to
London & Southern Association of General Baptist Churches to be held a
Meadrow, Godalming, on Thursday 5 Sept. 1833

Dr Brethren

We renew with pleasure our intercourse with an Assoc
which we hope will be instrumental in the promotion of the great principl
of Truth and righteousness and in increasing the number & renewing the zeal
our different Churches

Our number of Church members is much the same as when we la
addressed you viz twenty two — We have received one into our Communio
who lately was Connected with another Church; and we have lost two by death
by that fearful disease which has for these two years been permitted in the ins
providence of God to visit our island — The other calls for more particular n
we mean our late venerable brother Marson, whose long and active Career wa
closed on the very day of our General Assembly. It needs not that we should sp
of his faithful and efficient service to our Cause for many years, or of the simpli
and uprightness of his character & conversation: for his character must have
known to all, and his acquaintance was enjoyed by many among you.

It is since our last communication with you, that we have re
to the commodious and eligible place of worship which we now occupy
the purchase of the lease we have unavoidably incurred a debt, heavy not in its
actual amount, but in its proportion to our scanty resources. We have appe
to our Christian Brethren, the Unitarians, & specially to that part of them
are more closely connected with us as Baptists and have made some progress to
the extinction of the debt. The sum we wish to raise as set forth in our Statement
Copies of which our Representative at your Association will be furnished) is £240

We have received up to this time	£133
leaving to be raised	107
	240

To the Members of your Association & of the Churches connected with it — w
renew our appeal as being more closely united with them than with any other body. Whe
our Baptist friends have not thought our case to possess much claim on their attent
whether they have overrated our resources we cannot say, but we have not received fro
that assistance which we had hoped for — We had conceived that the case of a church
decayed & kindred almost extinct, arising as it were into renewed existence would
excited some interest

Our services have been better attended since our removal, & the average of m
and evening may be taken at from 60 to 70. We hope however for an increase when the
comes on, as it is the intention of our Pastor to deliver a course of Sunday Evening Lec
Our various institutions, as our Sunday School, Library, & Meetings
mutual improvement continue, and, with the exception of the last, in which the at
has rather declined maintain their prosperity and usefulness — We have established also a
"And now brethren we commend you to God and the word of his grace, which
to build you up and give you an inheritance among all them who are sanctified"

Signed Joseph Colrow Medus Pas

P.S. We appoint our brother Morton Randle to represent us in your Associati
shall renew by him our Contribution of last year.

At a Church meeting held at Coles Street on Sunday 25th Aug.t 1833 after the evening Service.—

Elizabeth S Lidgould was admitted as a member of the Church.—

It was resolved

That ~~Wort~~ our Brother Worton Randell be appointed representative of this Church at the meeting of the London & Southern Gen.l Baptist Association, which is to be held at Mead row Godalming on the 3rd Sept inst.

That the letter now read by Bro.r Means be adopted as the letter of the Church to that Assoc.n—(See last page)

That the sum of One Pound, from the funds of the Church be paid by our representative to the Treasurer of that Assoc.n—

Joseph Harrow Means
Joseph. Merchants
William Coulbeck
Worton Randell
John Allison
Mary Ann Stower
Elizabeth Edney
Ann Stower
Elizabeth Randell

At a Church meeting held at Coles Street on Sunday Evening 13

1833

Mary Coulsell.
Harriet Johnson
Louisa Alcock
William Coulsell

having been Baptized by our Pastor on Thursday. 25th Sept. last were added as members of the Church

Joseph Sabrow Means
William Coulsell
Joseph Cross Merchant
Joseph Merchant
Horton Randell
John Allison

At a Church meeting held on Sunday Morning 23d Nov 1833 at Coles Street. —

Brother Means reported that it was necessary to appoint a manager of the General Baptist Fund — It was

Resolved That our Brother Thomas James Beale be nominated a meeting of the Congregation to be called next Sunday morning as done in the former case.

Resolved — That in consequence of our Sister Sharpe's illness 12/ allowed her for this week & 10/ for the next week if required —

Joseph Sabrow Means
Thos Jas Beale
William Coulsell
Joseph Merchant
Joseph Cross Merchant
Horton Randell

At a Church meeting held at Coles Street on Sunday Evening
April
6 ~~Oct~~ 1834 -

Some conversation took place on the manner in which the place was kept but after some conversation it seemed to be the feeling of the members present that Mrs Johnson should remain in Charge of the Meeting house but be admonished to dust the pews chiefly oc- =cupied before the morning Service —

Joseph Latrow Means
Worton Randell
Mary Ann Stower
I C Mare Lunt
Joseph Marchmont
Hannah Beace
William Coulsell

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At a Church meeting held at Coles Street on Sunday Afternoon
11th May, 1834 –

Brother Means offer'd up prayer –

The minutes of the last two Church Meetings –

That the our Brethren Worton Randell, William Coulsell, & Joseph
Enos Marchant be our Representatives at the next general Assembly. –

That the our Brother Thos. Moore of Godalming, be recommended to
Assembly as a Suitable person to fill up the office of Messenger. –

Brother Means read the Letter which he had drawn up to be sent to
Assembly – upon which it was resolved

That the letter now read be adopted as the letter of the Church –

That Sister Sharpe's allowance be increased from 2/– to 3/– per week. –

Joseph Sulrow Means.
J E Marchant
Joseph. Marchant
Worton Randell
Louisa Alcock
Mary Ann Stowes
Elizabeth Fidgeon
Elizabeth Edney
Mellora Sharpe

General Baptist Church in Coles Street London, to the General
sembly of General Baptist Churches

Brethren

We always experience pleasure in meeting you on the
ly return of our assembly, but it is with peculiar gratification
at we salute you now. We welcome you brethren with all our
arts within the walls of our meeting house; and pray that our
rd Jesus Christ himself, & God even our Father, who hath given
verlasting consolation and good hope through grace, may comfort
ur hearts & establish you in every good word & work" And in the course
years may these walls again & again bear witness to our interchange of
mpathy and affection, and ring with our grateful praise to the Giver
all Good —

we have, Brethren, we have no alteration to report in the number of our hear
but we think, more who are regular in their attendance; at least some
om we had hardly learned to recognize before the last assembly now fill
eir places regularly in our assemblies for worship — We reported the number
the members of our Church last year at twenty three. Two of these
r esteemed & excellent brother Marsom being one) have been removed by
ath since that report was drawn up. We have had an addition of
wo by baptism; and one has joined us from another society in our
onnexion, making our present number twenty six. We were in hope
have had a greater increase to report, but trust that the addition which
e anticipated will shortly take place

Our Sunday School maintains its usefulness: we trust that by
the seeds of fervent piety and Christian love will be sown: and that under
e blessing of the great God they will hereafter be productive of the fruits of
ighteousness. How important, Brethren, is the duty of early instructing the
oung: and how much must we look to the fulfilment of that duty, as the
eans by which the universal spread of the gospel is to be brought
bout. As General Baptists the work peculiarly becomes us: believing
at the redemption wrought by Christ comprehended the whole human
ace, and holding that religion is a personal affair, we should, if any, be
easeless in our attempts to win over to truth, to holiness, to God, those
ho would else be exposed to the heaviest temptations & consequently
e in the greatest danger of engaging in the service and receiving the wages
sin. It is a subject of rejoicing to us, that, consisting as our Society
oes of a considerable proportion of young persons, we have been en-
abled to carry on our School on a tolerably large scale

Our Congregational Library continues gradually to increase
nd the number of our subscribers continues much as it was last
ear. The operations of our Tract association have been extended; & the
racts which we lend to the Poor in the neighbourhood, which are
oth Doctrinal & Practical, are in general willingly received.
llow us Brethren to suggest that the system of Lending Tracts, leaving
em at the houses or cottages of those among whom they circulate
s suitable to all Congregations, whether established in a populous
own or gathered from an extent of County, Where the latter is the
se idividuals might have parcels of tracts allotted to them
r distribution in their own neighbourhoods. This system has the
dvantage of bringing the members of Christian societies into
ntact with those who are spiritually most destitute and conveying
e waters of life into the most dry and thirsty lands.

Brethren the time is come when the disciples of the
ord should use every exertion for the spread of truth. It is not
lone by the ordinary services of our houses of prayer that truth

is to be spread. He who said "Go and make disciples of all na
baptizing them into the name of the Father, and of the Son an
of the Holy Spirit teaching them to observe all things whats
I have commanded you" gave not a commission to a few pe
or for a short time. Still are we to go forth, still to seek to
men into the fold of Christ, and lead them to take up his ligh
and easy yoke. — In the spread of true piety, of heartfelt likene
consists the best interest of the human race. Political chang
ecclesiastical changes are important — but they yield in value to
great change which the heart of the sinner experiences under th
regenerating influences of the gospel.

We rejoice Brethren in the brightening prospects of our
and look foward to an interesting & harmonious meeting a
the present Assembly. We appoint our brethren Worlow Rand
William Coulsell & Joseph Enos Marchant as our representa

With respect to the number of messengers we thi
that three are sufficient for the wants of our body in its
-ent condition; and we recommend our brother Thomas Moore
Godalming to fill up the present vacancy.

We are Brethren
Yours in the bonds of the Gospel
Joseph Carrow Means Pastor

List of the twenty six
Members mentioned in the foregoing Letter

1	~~Joseph Carrow Means~~	~~Pastor~~	joined the Church — Dec. 13. 182
2	† Worlow Randell	Deacon	" "
3	† William Coulsell	do	" "
4	~~Stellina Sharp~~		an old member
5	† Ann Edney		"
6	~~John Colton~~		joined the Church — Dec. 13. 182
7	† Elizabeth Randell	(wife of No. 2)	" "
8	~~Sarah Marchant~~	died Jan. 1837	" "
9	† Sarah Diprose		" "
10	Tho.s James Beale		baptized & joined the Church — June 13. 183
11	† Joseph Enos Marchant	(son of No. 8)	" " "
12	† John Allison		" "
13	~~Mary Ann Marchant~~	(wife of No. 11)	" " "
14	† Elizabeth Edney	(daughter of No. 5)	" " "
15	~~Sarah Ann Jeffrey~~		" " Nov. 14.
16	~~Hannah Heath~~		" joined the Church July 22. 18
17	Ann Stower	removed to Liverpool	do
18	Joseph Marchant Jr.	(son of No. 11)	baptized & joined the Church — "

Mary Ann Flower (Daughter of No. 17)	baptized & joined the Church. removed to Liverpool	4 Dec 1832.	p. 363
Eliza Saint.	"	"	ib
~~Susannah Dann Booth.~~	"	"	ib
~~Elizabeth S. Ledgerd~~	joined the Church	25 Aug.t 1833.	573
~~Mary Coubrett (daughter of No. 3)~~	baptized & joined the Church.	13 Oct "	574
~~Harriet Johnson~~	" Transferred to Worship Street		ib
~~Louisa Allcock~~	"		ib
~~William Coubrett~~ (Son of No. 3)	withdrawn		ib
Mrs Coulton			
Joseph Randell			
Catherine Randell			
Thos Taylor			
David Beal			

Members living at the time of the Removal of the Church from Worship Street Trinity Place - (see p. 523) or who joined subsequently: but who have since died

John Grice. (Deacon)	member at the time of removal	Died	AD. 1830.
John Marson	do	see p 527	1833
Benjamin Marchant (Deacon)	added. 13 Dec 13. 1829.	see p - 577 -	1831 ?
Benjamin Heath.	do	see p. 533	1831.
James Hallwell	baptized and added Sept 11. 1831	Died see p 552	1833. see p 577.

The above list which was made out by me 13th June 1834
I believe to be correct. Joseph Sabrow Means

Continuation of Members

Harriet Winter
Mrs J. C. Squire
Alfred Marchant
John Hemming
James Millington
~~Rod~~ M. or Gascoigne

At a Church Meeting held at Coles Street Meeting House on Lords Day Evening 30 Augt. 1834. It was resolved.

1. That the usual grant of One Pound be made to the London & Southern Association.

2 That our brother Thomas James Beale be appointed representative of this church at the Association

3 That the letter now read be adopted as the letter of the church and transmitted to the Association — (see below). —

4 That the sum of fourteen shillings be granted to our Sister Sharp to defray the expenses of her removal. —

Joseph Labrow Means

Joseph Lines Merchant

Worton Randell

Wm Coulsell

Thos Jas Beale

The General Baptist Church meeting in Coles Street, London to the "London and Southern Association" of General Baptist Churches, which is to be held at Billingshurst, Sussex: 4th Sept 1834

Christian Brethren

We hail with pleasure the return of our yearly Assoc and wish that our meeting together may be for mutual edification a comfort. -

We have not any materiab alteration in our church to no this letter. Our course has been a steady and a quiet one. Our congregations cont about the same in respect to number, except at the change of seasons or

temporary or incidental causes may lead to trifling fluctuations. Our Sunday School, our Congregational Library, our Tract Association and our Dorcas Society continue to be useful; and our monthly social meetings and our weekly meetings for mutual improvement are kept up. The attendance at the former is not quite so good as it has been: and the attendance at the latter also had declined, but it has been reviving again during the last few weeks, and will, we hope, go on encreasing — The number of our Church members continues to be as reported at the last Assembly viz 26:- * and we do not see any immediate prospect of increase.—

We have great reason to be thankful both to the individual contributors, and to the great Ruler of all things, for the progress that has been made in the subscription for paying the Debt on our Meeting House & providing for the future repairs which we anticipated. We have raised within £31. of the whole sum required. The diminution of this burden has been a considerable relief to us: for though we trust that in incurring such an obligation, we did not act unadvisedly, yet the consciousness of debt hanging over us must necessarily be burdensome. —

We approve, brethren, of the plan adopted by our Committee during the two years which the Association has existed, of arranging a course of lectures in different places to be delivered by the various ministers of our Churches in succession. Such lectures are calculated to attract the attention of persons out of our Communion, if due pains be taken in making them known. My experience in London the disadvantage of an over numerous population, in which the efforts of individuals or single churches are unnoticed and lost. There is great difficulty, unless the minister possesses pulpit talents of an extraordinary kind, or holds sentiments which are widely spread or are marked with great eccentricity, — to obtain the ear of the public and to attract any notice: but in the country, though prejudice may be stronger & influence more powerful, it is not so difficult to gain attention. We therefore think it desirable that publicity should be given to these lectures, and that they should be delivered at such times of the day as are most likely to suit the engagements of the gen-

eral population of the place, and enable them to attend. Allow us to sugge
Brethren that the evening would be a more suitable time than the afternoon
which we believe is the time when most persons who attend public worship
the Country wish to be at their own place – We make this suggestion with d
ference to the Committee, who, as living in the Country, are best acquainted
the engagements & usages which prevail there. – Allow us also to ask whet
the resources of the Association would allow of an effort being made for the
of our principles in some provincial town, conveniently situated for our mini
or other friends to reach it, by establishing a course of week day lectures.'

One observation we would make Brethren and it is this: – that in
our efforts, sin rather than mental error should be the principal object of
We say principal but not sole object: for we admit that Christians are to con
for a correct creed, as well as for a holy life. We suppose however all will a
this last to be the most important – We think that the different Christian Sect
be compared to a body of settlers round a large waste. They differ as to their mode
cultivation and each contends earnestly for the superiority of his own mode, and
seeks jealously to extend it over a greater portion of the soil. Now in what direc
should he exert himself; in seeking to improve the cultivation of his neig
patches, which have been already brought under some degree of culture, &
to bear somewhat of a harvest: or in seeking to redeem a greater portion of
waste, which lies at present neglected, and unproductive? Each may prac
what he regards as the best system of agriculture, the only question is to
soil
he shall apply it.

Brethren we hope to hear favourable accounts of the Churches wh
are united with us in this association; and to be cheered by their expres
of piety and zeal. We send our usual contribution of £1 to
association fund, and appoint our brother Tho.s Ja.s Beale to represent
at the meeting

Brethren, the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you

Your brethren in the Gospel

Joseph Calrow Means Pastor

Wm Coalsill }
Worton Randell — } Deacons

At a Church Meeting held at Coles St Sunday Afternoon — 15th Mch 1835

1. Brother Means engaged in prayer

2. The minutes of the last meeting were read. —

3 Brother Joseph Enos Marchant & Brother Thomas James Beale reported that they had examined Brother Randell's accounts up to the close of the last year & found them correct. — and that the balance at that time was £4.. 6.. 2 ...

4. That our Brethren the Deacons be requested to wait on our Brother Cotton & warn him to make good his place at public worship

5. That David Beal, son of our brother Wm Beal, pastor of the Church at Westfield having been baptized at Westfield, be admitted a member of this Church

6. That George Booth, late member of the General Baptist Church at Cranbrook, be admitted a member of this Church. —

Joseph Calrow Means

Mary Ann Stowell

Elizabeth Randell

Mat Marchant

Sarah Jeffery

Harriot Johnson

C S Ridgard

Thomas James Beale

Joseph Marchant

Joseph Enos Marchant

At a Church Meeting held on Sunday Afternoon 31st May 1835, —

Brother Means besought the divine blessing. —

Martha Ann Ledgard (daughter of our Sister Elizabeth S Ledgard) — Sarah Ann Jeffrey & Sa[illegible] Reynolds Jeffrey (daughter & son of our Sister Sarah Anne Jeffrey) — Alfred Merchant (son of our brother Joseph Enos Marchant) — Thomas Mills Taylor (nephew of our Sister [illegible] Randell) — and Sarah Whatley — having all been baptized this morning by our brother Means — were received as Members of this Church —

Brethren Worlon Randell, Joseph Enos Marchant, & James Thomas Beale were appointed to be the representatives of this Church at the General Assembly. —

Resolved that the letter to the General Assembly now read be adopted as the letter of the Church

Joseph Calrow Means.
Joseph E. Enos Merchant
David Beach
Thos S. Beach
Mary Ann Stowe
Harris Johnson
Worton Randell
Elizabeth Randell
Sarah Dippre
M E Marchant

The General Baptist Church in Coles Street, London, to the General Assembly of General Baptist Churches, to be held at ~~Coles Street~~ Worship Street Meeting House, London, on Tuesday 9th June 1835.—

Christian Brethren,—

The return of the season for the our annual meeting, reminds us of the duty which we owe to you of expressing our sympathy with you, and conveying to you on account of our condition as a Christian Church.—

Our public services are as heretofore, two, viz. morning and evening, and the number of hearers continues about the same as last year: but we think they are composed more of steady attendants, and less of casual hearers. The average is 50 in the morning, & 70 to 80 or 90 in the evening.—

Our number of Church members has materially increased Last year we had 26; — we have since received 2 from other Churches & added 6 by baptism; so that we have in all 34— but two or three of these are rarely with us. Our communicants have hitherto averaged about 30 - but as we may hope to be joined by the members added by baptism, we may estimate the future number at about 35 or 36. a gratifying proportion from so small a number of persons.

And here Brethren allow us to express our deep sense of the importance of the two distinguishing ordinances of our holy religion. We do not, we trust, attach to them a superstitious value, or regard them as the ends of religion. But as commandments of the glorified Redeemer we hold them to be of binding obligation; and as helps to the weakness of man, we think they are of the greatest value.— We would hold to them not as matters for party disputation, but as aids to the believer in his pilgrimage to the heavenly Canaan:— and in commending them to the notice and practice of others, and especially to the young, we are desirous of setting forth their spiritual character and

beneficial tendency, while at the same time we would enjoin them as acts of duty to our Saviour and to our God.—

Our Sunday School maintains its usefulness: and is, we have reason to hope, the instrument of much good, not only to the children who are in it, but also to the teachers: for we believe that in this, as in many other works of usefulness, a blessing returns, by the wise and merciful arrangement of providence, upon those who are labouring for the good of others. — The number of Children, is about 100 to 105: the number of Teachers 17.

The Tract Society continues its exertions. It is probable that about 100 families are visited and supplied with tracts. We believe this to be a very important means of usefulness. The tract distributor becomes to a certain degree a Domestic missionary, carrying instruction to those whose dispositions or circumstances keep them from coming to our assemblies of worship; and conveying it in a form at once attractive ~~[illegible]~~ and unobtrusive. We should rejoice to see this system acted upon to a greater extent whether in town or country. We believe it to be good in itself & capable of being made the means of much wider good. — The tracts which we distribute are chiefly and in some cases entirely, of a practical ~~and~~ or devotional character.

Our Library keeps up, but not perhaps to the extent it once did. Still however it is the medium for circulating many volumes on the most important subjects.

Our week day meeting continues to be held, and is attended by several of our members, especially the young, and by some persons of different sentiments. An alteration in the arrangement has just been made by which the reading and exposition of holy scripture will be rendered the chief object of attention. It has long formed an important part of our busi- but is now rendered more prominent, & will occupy every

Such Brethren are the principal things which we have to mention, and they will be sufficient we trust to show that if our Church is ancient, it has not lost all its vigour We desire to be thankful to that great Being from whom all our blessings come and to the great Head of the Church the glorified Jesus, in whose name we trust.) We have indeed great cause for thankfulness A Church on the verge of extinction has been raised to a comparatively flourishing state; and our hopes are strong that under the good providence of God we shall increase yet more and more. Our members are walking in love one towards another; and though there are some whom we should rejoice to see more anxious about their eternal state, and more diligent in working the work of God, there are others in whose upright conversation we rejoice, and whose example we can adduce as a proof that our views of the Gospel are not inoperative.

Brethren we pray that the blessing of God our Father may rest upon your deliberations May you be directed by the wisdom that is from above; and animated by the recollection of him who shed his blood for the remission ~~of~~ of our sins. The state of the Christian Church and the state of the world call upon us for exertion. Amidst mistaken views on one hand, and a dangerous laxity of interpretation on the other, let us cling to the plain, the affecting, the sanctifying doctrines of the gospel. "The truths of God" - must be the most efficacious, the most important truths for his creatures Let us hold fast on profession without wavering. Let us strive together for the cause of the gospel, which is the cause of God & man - by which a sinful world must be reconciled to God and the sanctification of the human heart brought about - While other reforms claim their proportionate regard, let us never forget that the spiritual reform which is to take place in every individual, is unspeakably the most important: - that it not only affects our well being in time, but determines our condition in eternal world.

We appoint our brethren, Worton Randell, Joseph Enos Marchant & Thomas James Beale, our representatives: and again commending you to the divine blessing,

We remain,

Your brethren in Christ J

(in behalf of the Chur

May 31st. 1835.

signed. Joseph Calrow Means — Past

List of Members at the time of writing the above letter

Nos. 1 to 26. — see list on pp 578. 579 —

No. 27.	David Beal —	admitted from Rutfield. — — — —	15th Mch 1835.	see p 583
28	George Booth —	do from Crawbrook — (father of No. 21)		
~~29~~	~~Martha Ann Leigate~~	— baptized — (daughter of No. 22)		
30	Ann Sarah Jeffrey. —	do — (— do — 15)		
31	Isaac Reynolds Jeffrey —	do — (son of No. 15)	31 May 1835	584
32	Alfred Marchant —	do — (son of No. 11)		
33	Thomas Miles Taylor —	do — (Nephew of No. 7)		
34	Sarah Whatley —	do —		

At a Church Meeting held at Coles Street ~~on Saturday~~ Sunday Afternoon 23d Aug.t 1835—

1. Brother Means besought the divine blessing.—

2. It was resolved that Brother Worton Randele & Brother Thomas James Beale be our representatives at the London & Southern General Baptist Association to be held at Ditchling on the 2nd Sept.—

3. That in consequence of the diminution of the endowment this year it is not expedient to make the usual grant to the London & Southern G.B. Association this year.—

4. That the letter now read be adopted as the letter of the Church to be sent to the Association above mentioned.—

5 That ~~Bro.s~~ our Brother William Coulsell & our Brother Thomas Mills Taylor be appointed to examine the accounts of our Brother Randell up to Midsummer.—

Joseph Barrow Means
Worton Randele
Joseph. Marchant
Alfred Marchant
Thomas Mills Taylor
Isaac Reynolds Jeffery
Eliz.th Ridgouts
Wm Coulsell
J. E. Marchant
Thos Jas Beale

Copy of the Letter above referred to

To General Baptist Church meeting in Coles Street, London, to the Elders and Representatives Coming the London & Southern General Baptist Association to be held at Ditchling in Sussex on Wednesday 2 Sept 1835 Christian Brethren.

The return of our Annual Meeting calls upon us to express to you our feelings of sympathy and brotherly affection; and to lay before you some account of our State and Prospects as a Church— We have not indeed much encouragement, but that little is such as to inspire Hope and to give occasion for grateful thanksgiving to him who rules all events

The attendance at our public services continues we think about the same as when we last addressed you; but we think the number of those who are recognized as regular attendants and have seats appropriated to them, is rather greater than it was then, but various Circumstances (and there is reason to fear an unhappy Spirit of indifference in some cases) have tended to diminish the regularity with which some

were accustomed to attend. Where however temporary causes have operated, such as families being out of t
or where sickness, which has been prevalent among us, has kept any from the House of prayer; we look for a
improvement; and think it likely that in the coming autumn our congregation will be thus enlarged. Th
of you who were present at the Assembly or have seen the Abstract of our Letter printed with the proceed
of the Assembly, are already aware that thus by the addition of members baptized or received from other C
our Church has increased from twenty six members to thirty four.—

Those who have joined us by baptism were all young, in some instances we believe younger than
usual in most Churches, and probably younger than most may think right. Upon this point allow us t
offer one or two observations. If the question of baptism be looked upon as a question of party disputation,
coming) to a decision upon which it is needful that much learned research should be bestowed, and many
of controversy perused — if it be needful to enter into a minute examination of the obscure and doubtful
of Jewish Antiquity, upon which some have sought to make this question depend — then it may be admit
that greater maturity should be attained, and much deeper & more learning acquired than those of f
ten or fifteen years of age can be supposed to possess. If, however, we regard the ordinance as resting upon
plain and explicit command of the Saviour, and the undoubted practice of the Apostles; — as signifying belief &
and therefore by its very nature designed to be as universal as belief and to continue while any should felt t
tion of disciples to the great Master: — if we suppose it was designed for edification rather than Party dis
to make a salutary and lasting impression on the young disciple; to pledge him to a life of obedience, and by the
ion of the solemn profession to aid in producing a fulfilment of the pledge — then we say, let it be administer
the Period when its sanctifying influences are most needed, and most likely to be felt. When the understanding is
sufficiently advanced to comprehend the simple truths of the gospel, when the heart is sufficiently matur
feel the influences of Christian faith, Christian hope & Christian love, who can deny the propriety of admi
that simple but expressive rite which is the Symbol of faith, the pledge of hope, and the appropriate entrance
a course actuated & guided by the principle of love. —

As those who have joined us by baptism do, as far as they can, take the communion with us, our average n
of communicants may probably be estimated at thirty five; — if all those who are in communion with us we
attend at one time (which however we cannot expect) our number would probably amount to forty five
Sunday School continues to prosper, though it has been weakened by the loss of two or three excellent teachers b
removal from the congregation or from ill health. Our tract Society continues its operations, and is useful not on
its immediate object but also by bringing the members of our congregation & our pastor into contact with the suff
the uninstructed, the friendless, & the sick. Our Dorcas Society has perhaps rather declined

Our week day meetings have been continued, but under a somewhat altered form. Our Pastor now regularly
and expounds the Scriptures. He has in prospect the delivery at these meetings of a Course of Lectures on t
and Character of the Apostle Paul — as supplementary to the book of Acts which is now in course of explan
— and if there were a probability of gathering a congregation in the week he would probably be indu
add to this course a Subsequent one on some important Subject of Christian doctrine & practice

We wish these evening meetings were better attended: but it is our desire and purpose to maintain
though the number of those present fluctuates considerably, and is often very low. And allow us to impre
upon you the importance of religious meetings in the course of the week — Among our brethren of oth
meeting week meetings are common, we might almost say general, and they can assemble in considerable number. O
we have a greater portion of their piety and zeal! — We think we have made further advances in the know
of the truth: but have we walked according to our light? Have we not dwelt with too much self complac
on our supposed intellectual pre-eminence, shrunk from the manifestation of fervency of spirit & been
prone to brand those manifestations in others as mere enthusiasm? And what has been the consequence
the half empty benches of our houses of prayer and the languid frozen aspect of many of our Church

let our extinct Churches instruct us — for they "being dead yet speak" and speak to us in the clear
monition. All ecclesiastical History serves to shew that the progress of sects, how wide add their useful
dance, has been proportioned rather to the fervency and piety of their Spirit, than to the correctness of their
tract creed: — and God bestows his blessing rather upon the right seeking Heart than on the clearly judging
tellect. It is by fervent, prayer, humble watchfulness, by constant self denial, and by vigorous exertion,
at we, as well as others, must look for prosperity: — and blessed will this Association be to us, if it
es to rouse us to renewed exertions in the Cause of Christ. God in his mercy grant that it may be
effectual. — Signed on behalf of the Church Joseph Cashrow Stears Bishop

P.S. We are unable from a temporary diminution of the endowment of our Church to forward our usual
tribution of £1. to the Association Funds. Our Brethren Worton Raindell & Thos Jas Beale will we hope
enabled to attend your Association as our Representatives. —

At a Church meeting held at Coles Street, after the evening Service on Sunday 8

1. Brother Means reported that he had received a letter from our brother Wm Coulsell stating that he wished no longer to be considered as a member of the Church

2 Brother Means read a letter which he had drawn up for the Assembly and which with one addition approved by the Church.

3. Brother Means urged the desirableness of a Church Meeting to take into consideration the diminution of the Church and Congregation; & Brother Randell stated that there were some pecuniary matters requiring attention, whereon it was ordered resolved that a Church meeting should be held on 1st Wednesday evening next to consider of the latter affairs & on 2nd next to consider of the others.

Joseph Harrow Means
J E Hazelhurst
Wm Jos Beale
Alfred Marchant
William Coulsell

The General Baptist Church meeting in Cole Street London to the General Assembly of Churches of the like faith and order appointed to meet at Worship Street on Tuesday 24 May 1836

Christian Brethren

We rejoice with satisfaction our intercourse with you for it is delightful to the soul of man to hold intercourse with those who are of kindred minds and sympathetic feelings and we desire to be grateful to that good Being by whose care we have been preserved through another year to meet you in our General Assembly

We should have rejoiced more Brethren had we been able to give you a more encouraging account of our conditions during the past year than a regard for truth allows us to do — We have

last year in various ways and have to report a diminution both
in numbers of members and hearers: but these are fluctuations to which
societies are liable especially small societies: and it would be
grateful to the Giver of all good who has so increased our
numbers within a few years to be disheartened because for one
year we have somewhat gone back

In our last letter we reported our church as consisting of
sixty four members: we have to report a diminution of three,
have left town to reside at Liverpool, and one has withdrawn
the thirty one remaining members four are prevented from
ending on religious services except at distant intervals
from distance or necessary engagements or infirmity and three
two others who are by no means so regular as could be wished,
notwithstanding. These discouragements we have much to cale
th our grateful acknowledgements to God: we are at peace among
ourselves; and if we have not any immediate additions to expect.
there are young persons growing up in our society whose
sion to our church may be looked for in the course of time

~~Our various institutions~~ Our Congregation has been much thinner
ring the past winter than at any time since our removal to Coles
et. Several causes may be assigned for this: the removal of some
ur friends to distant parts, the ill health of others, and the opening
ne or two new places of worship in our immediate neighbourhood:
ich has perhaps drawn away some occasional hearers.

Our various institutions have been kept up; but they have almost
voidably suffered from the same causes which have depressed the
ngregation. Our Sunday School continues about 110 to 120 scholars:
the introduction of certain improvements into the mode of teaching
ich are in contemplation will we trust render it more effectual
attending the spirit of vital godliness - Our Library is hardly so well
ported as it was: but it has still several subscribers - our
distribution has we think increased rather than diminished.

We know that these institutions are external things: and though
general rule the spirit and activity with which they are carried
may be taken as indications of the spiritual condition of the Church
that they are attached; yet the rule is not without exceptions:
conviction is that the prosperity of a church is to be estimated
the spirit of vital godliness prevailing among its members:
their conscientious performance of the duties of social and domestic
by their spirit of mutual love and by their fervour in the exercises

of public and private devotion and the true values of our religious op... depends upon the degree in which they promote our improvement in these

It will give us joy brethren to find that in your several churches have been growing in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Ch... upon this depends our well being here and hereafter The Kingdom of ... is an inward and Spiritual Kingdom - the dominion of God in the hea... of man - May this grow and increase among us. - We are deeply con... of this that on the establishment of this Kingdom in our hearts ... depends the improvement of our churches and their recovery from their depressed condition

We hail with satisfaction the introduction into the Legis... of two bills, one for the establishment of a general registry of births ... and deaths, one providing for the celebration of marriage in dissent... places of worship. Although we think the details of the latter ... require some amendment, yet we think the introduction of these ... by the present liberal administration entitles them to our gratitude. ... existing laws on these points have been the cause of much forced confor... to the religious services of the established Church; the alteration is the ... valuable as removing a snare to conscience as well as affording relief ... upright and scrupulous minds.

Brethren may the blessing of God rest upon your deliberations ... and make them effectual to the well being of the churches which you ... represent. May they promote the truth as it is in Jesus and strengthen ... all the members of our body - making them to go on with renewed ... strength in the ways of the Lord.

We appoint our Brethren Norton Randale Wm Coulsell Enos Thackhall and Thos. James Beale to be our representatives ... and remain

Brethren

Yours in the bonds of the Gospel

(on behalf of the Church)

Joseph Labrow Mears Pastor

Our Pastor baptized one Member of the Congregation in the ... Autumn but the left town to preside at Norwich almost ... immediately after

At a Church Meeting held at Coles Street on Sunday Afternoon 15 May 1836

Brother Means offerd a short prayer to God. after which the members took tea together, conversation being Carried on during the meal on the best measures to be pursued for the revival of the Church & congregation —

After tea the minutes of the last meeting were Read. —

It was resolved that Elizabeth Trower who has for some time been a frequent attendant at the Services & communion of this Church should be admitted a member.

It was resolved that if it appears to this Church desirable to form a society to be called the Coles Street Domestic Mission Society for the purpose of promoting the spread of vital religion by domestic visitation, the distribution of tracts, and any other means that may be deemed expedient. —

The meeting was then adjourned until after the evening Service when it was arranged that Brother Means should draw up a plan for such society; and shew it to some of the brethren previous to its being laid before the congregation. —

It was also resolved that a Congregational meeting be held next Sunday week, 29th May for the purpose of Consulting about procuring a Leader for the singing. —

It was also Resolved that the Deacons should get the place Cleaned as usual

Joseph Larrow Means
J. R. Marchant
Edward Bacon
William Coulsell
W. H. Marchant
Sarah Jeffery
Alfred Marchant
David Beard
Worton Randell

At a Church Meeting held at Coles Street after Divine Service on Sunday Evening 28th Aug.t 1836—

Brother Means besought the divine Blessing

The minutes of the last Church Meeting were read.—

Brother Means, read the outlines of a plan for domestic visitation agreeably to the resolution of the last meeting.—

It was resolved that they be approved and laid before a Congregational Meeting to be Summoned for the 18.th of Sept after the Morning Service.—

It was resolved that our Brethren D. Thomas James Beale & David Beal be our Representatives at the ensuing London & Southern Gen.l Baptist Association to be held Crawley on the 6th Sept. 1836.—

Brother Means read the letter which he had drawn up to be sent as the letter of this church to the above mentioned association, in which at the suggestion of friends present one or two alterations were made.—

It was then resolved that the above letter be adopted & sent as the letter of the Church

It was further resolved that our brother Joseph Enos Marchant be appointed a Deacon of this Church in addition to our Brethren Randels & Coulsells.—

It was resolved that our Brethren Tho.s James Beale & Isaac Jeffrey be appointed to audit our brother Randels' accounts.—

It was resolved that our Brother Joseph Enos Marchant be requested to act as Treasurer of the Church for the next three years.

Joseph Sabrow Means
Wm. Randell
David Beal
William Coulsell
J. M. Taylor
Thos. Jas. Beale
Enos Marchant
Isaac Reynolds Jeffery

The General Baptist Church meeting in Cole Street London to
~~London and Southern General Baptist association~~, to be held at Crawley
Sussex 6 Sept. 1836. –

Christian Brethren

The return of our annual Meeting calls upon us to renew our intercourse
the you, and to send to you our expressions of esteem and sympathy. We rejoice
the opportunity of uniting our councils with yours for the promotion of the sacred
e of truth and we pray that the divine blessing may rest upon our joint
berations and render them efficacious in promoting the Kingdom of the Redeemer.
We know not brethren that we have to report to you any material change
the state of our church. We are in number nearly the same as at our last
eting: the diminution which has taken place not having exceeded three
n from removal) and our friend who has long been a frequent attendant at our
ces has joined our church. – so that we at present number thirty two
mbers. Our Congregations have fluctuated. Perhaps the erection and
ening of several new places of worship in our neighbourhood may
e caused a trifling diminution: in one or two cases it may have been
ing to the sentiments entertained and taught by our Pastor not being
oneous. It will be sometimes the lot of those who have enquired and
ged for themselves to dissent from the doctrines commonly entertained
the body with which they are connected. The retirements from this cause
e however been very few, indeed it is questionable if more than one
ividual has withdrawn on that account.

Our services continue to be three viz on Sunday Morning & Evening
d on one evening during the week. The week day services had been suc-
nded during part of the Spring and Summer owing to the indisposition
the Pastor; but they have been resumed; and though the attendance is very
all it is hoped that they are useful in promoting the knowledge of the
iptures and instrumental by the divine blessing in cherishing the flame
piety in the young. Our Sunday School has lately been remodelled
eeably to the suggestions contained in a report on the Improvement of
nday School instruction published by the Sunday School Association
e change has not been in operation long enough for us to give any
inion as to its effects. Our other institutions continue much as
ey were. It is a question brethren deserving as we think serious
nsideration how it is that amidst the increase of the population
d the enlargement of various denominations, our own body makes
ch little progress. If we look around us we discern the marks which
dicate the advance of other bodies – but we stand still and think
rselves well off, if we do not dwindle away. New Churches are gathered

but they are not united with us: New places of worship are opened but they are not ours. We linger still in the haunts of our fo forefathers, and our scanty numbers perhaps look scantier when asse in places which were once well filled. It is easy to reply that our princ are making secret progress but of this we do not see the proof; and it perhaps little more than an ungrounded supposition in which we indul cover the mortification arising from want of more open and visible other religious bodies receive accessions openly: why do not we.?

We do not venture here either to assign the cause or propose the Perhaps we are not agreed either as to the one or the other: but we think question is one of great importance; and we beg of you Brethren to co it with that seriousness which its importance demands. Do not b to look at internal as well as external things which may be considered impediments to our advance: "and may the Lord give you understanding things" - It seems not unreasonable to suppose that the causes of rel decay in bodies are commonly to be sought for within. The decline be immediately the result of external circumstances as the remo of families, emigration and the like; but when decline is observed to general and continued, or when the exceptions to it are only occasion there must be some remoter cause in reality more efficacious than the external circumstances to which we refer: for it cannot be suppos that these operate so extensively as to affect all parts of a body, or so exclusively as to bear with all their force upon that body alone

Among the causes which bring about the decay of religious bodies we mentioned two - of opposite character indeed and urged by persons of different views and temperaments - One is "not keeping up with or conformi to the spirit of the age." - the other "not keeping close to the standard of eva truth" - Among ourselves some perhaps will ascribe the want of success to former - others to the latter - Perhaps some may think that both causes operated in a degree. A few observations upon them will not then be misplac

All will agree that in matters of religious truth and duty the spirit age cannot be followed. Truth is in its nature one: and duty rests upon th requirements of God rather than by the views and feelings and desires o The only things in which the spirit of the age: then can be looked to as a guide is in the manner in which truth shall be urged and supported and which duty shall be inforced - But even in these cases what is termed "the spirit of the age" is something too vague, too little tangible to be f without the greatest caution if at all: for without caution we may cher sentiments which are in reality hostile to humble genuine piety, and a cautious and permanent to modes of thought and argument unsou in themselves and leading by slow but certain steps to the most fatal

and injurious conclusions. Added to which the spirit of the age is a complex state of society is by no means uniform: the spirit of one body of men differs from that of another: and it behoves us to take care lest we follow the spirit of the world - the spirit of secret scepticism or of half concealed indifference because it may have an air of freedom from prejudice or enthusiasm an air of liberal thinking and fearless investigation. A stiff uncomplying temper in things really indifferent is doubtless to be blamed: but every thing not indifferent, which appears so at the first glance.

"To keep close to the standard of evangelical truth" is indeed of great importance. Truth in and for itself is valuable: but there is a consideration which renders it still more valuable. Divine truth was communicated to man through the Gospel for his salvation and we may conclude that it possesses peculiar fitness for its purpose: that it is calculated at once to gain admission to the breast and to produce the best effects. That opinions then receive a cold and languid reception the community at large shews either that they are not suited to human heart, (which, if ascertained, would be a strong if not a decisive argument against their truth and their divine original); or that their arrival has been impeded by peculiar causes indisposing men to the reception of them or by the injudicious inefficient manner in which they have been held forth by their advocates.

If we receive the Scriptures as the record of truth we must be sensible of the importance of keeping close to them in all our investigations: and if they be not the record of truth we must confess we know not that what light to regard them. When their authority as the guide of frail erring man in his enquiries is set aside by some novel theory practically disregarded by a prevalent spirit of indifference, we cannot, as Baptists, expect to stand our ground. As a Philosophical denomination we can never flourish: for our distinguishing ordinance however conformable to enlightened reason and to just views of the divine requirements, will never be upheld on any other than Scriptural grounds.

We regret brethren that so few of us were be able to attend your meeting for pastoral purposes to be with you; and we appoint our brother Thomas James and Mr David Beale our representatives. Several others of us had hoped & designed to be with you, but circumstances have interposed to prevent their attendance.

Dear Brethren

Yours in the bonds of the Gospel
On behalf of the Church

Joseph Cabrow Means, Pastor
Norton Arendell
William Coalwell
Jos Enos Maulant
Thomas James Beale
Thomas Hills Taylor
David Beale
James Reynolds Jeffrey
Deacons

8 Aug 1844

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At a Church Meeting held at Coles Street, on Tuesday Evening, 7th March. 1837. —

1. It was Resolved — That it is desirable to have the ~~plain~~ Meeting House cleaned, coloured & ~~whitewashed this Spring.~~ —

2. — That those of the Brethren who can obtain any information as to the cost of the work, or any estimate for doing it, or any information as to engaging a plain of worship during the interval in which the meeting house must necessarily be closed, be requested to do so & to report to the Church at a meeting to be held this day week. —

3 That a Statement of what is proposed to be done be made to the Congregation & Subscription for defraying the expenses of the same, forthwith solicited. —

4 That it is desirable that a congregational petition be prepared in support of the ~~wise~~ plan for the abolition of Church rates brought forward by the Chancellor of the Exchequer

5. — That this meeting do now adjourn ~~to this day week~~ Wednesday the 15th inst. at 7 o'Clock. —

Joseph Sabrow Mears —
Joseph Cox Merchants.
Alfred Merchant
Joseph Merchant
Wm James Beale
Isaac Reynolds Jeffery
Wootton Randell

Three or four meetings of those members of the church whose acquaintance with business rendered them most competent for the duty were held in order to arrange & determine upon the repairs but the minutes of these meetings were not entered

The Meeting house was closed for the repairs on Sundays. April. 16. 23 & 30 & May 7

At a Church meeting held at Worship Street (Coles St. Meeting being closed for repairs) on Sunday Evening 7th May. 1837—

1. Brother Means besought the divine blessing —

2. The minutes of the last meeting (with the note at the foot of them) were read

3. Catherine Taylor (sister of our brother Thomas Mills Taylor & niece of our sister Elizabeth Randell) — Joseph Mills Randell son of our brother Morton Randell & our sister Elizabeth Randell — and James Whatley (brother of our sister Sarah Whatley) who had ale been baptized by our Pastor this evening before the meeting of the Church, were received into fellowship with the Church.

4 That the letter now read, addressed to the General Assembly, be adopted as the letter of the Church, and signed by the officers of the Church & other members.

Joseph Salmon Means
Morton Randell
Wm Coulsell
Edward Read
Alfred Marchant
Thos Mills Taylor
James Whatley
Isaac Reynolds Jeffery
Joseph Mills Randell

The General Baptist Church meeting in Coles Street, London to the General Assembly of General Baptists Churches, to be held on Whit Tuesday, 9th May 1837.

Christian Brethren,

It is with pleasure that we look forward to the time when we shall welcome to our house of prayer those with whom we are united in the bonds of Christian sympathy and regard. The past year though in some respects an eventful one for our Church may be characterized favourably as

than otherwise. Our Congregations have we think increased. the morning con-
-gation at least. During the period in which influenza was so prevalent, we
experienced a diminution, but since the abatement of that epidemic complaint
we have had an attendance quite equal to what it previously was, if not sup
Our morning and evening Congregations are now more nearly equal than they were, w
we removed to our present place of worship and may be estimated at about
five or sixty, without reckoning the children in our Sunday School.

Our Communicants average thirty or more; we have sometimes had mo
forty, and we think we have reason to anticipate an increase: if we could muster at one time all who occasio
communicate they would amount to forty five or fifty. Our numbers at th
time of the last Assembly amounted to thirty one: of this number we have lo
one; an aged sister (Mrs. Sarah Marchant) whose infirmities had long prevented
her from attending our public services. She died in the faith & hope of the
and in that calm and unbroubled frame of mind which is the fit conclusion
pious and upright conversation in the World. Our pastor has this day baptiz
three of the young people of the Congregation who have been received into
membership with the Church, and will we trust exemplify by their future
conduct the practical value of that faith of which they have made profession.
Our present number of members is therefore thirty three.* Our week day
evening services have been discontinued during the winter, the health of our Pastor
requiring him to diminish somewhat of his labours. Indeed for the last mon
our religious services have been altogether suspended, as our meeting house ha
been closed in order to undergo some needful repairs. It will be reopened nex
Sunday, and the Services both on the Lord's day and in the week will be resu
and continued as usual*. We think we have before us a good prospect of an in
in our Congregation.

Our Sunday School & Congregational Library have not flourished, but we
reason to think that they will meet with increased support. Our tract distribution
has perhaps rather diminished, but in this also we hope for a revival. Circum
which have had an unfavourable influence on our condition no longer exist
and we confidently anticipate under the divine blessing, that renewed energy a
increased success will mark the progress of another year. — We are united
by a Spirit of Christian affection, which has carried us through some past diffi
and will, we trust, enable us to overcome any which may yet remain —

* The commencement of the Week evening service has been postponed for a time

Note. This number is not correct. Besides the three baptized, one had been received into membership (Eliz. H. Evans. p 595) the total therefore
has been as high as. G. Sept. 1847

Hoping that your deliberations may be directed by the Spirit of the Gospel. and
guided by the divine blessing. We subscribe ourselves

Your brethren in Christ Jesus.

When our Pastor baptized the three young persons, just referred to he
baptized also two persons belonging to a small Baptist Society in our Neighbourhood.
welcome this as an evidence of the friendly feeling entertained by them towards us.
2nd May 14th. At a Church meeting held this day we have appointed our
brethren, Worlon Randale, Joseph Enos Marchant, Thomas James Beale,
Thomas Mills Taylor our representatives, at your Assembly
behalf of the Church — Joseph Cabrow Means.

Memorandum. — July 25th 1837. — A religious service took place at Coles Street Meeting on occasion of the
marriage of Joseph Cabrow Means, pastor of the Church with Louisa Alcock one of the members of it. (p 574). The
marriage had been solemnized according to the forms required by the Marriage Act. which came into force on the 1st July
last. at the (temporary) office of the Superintendant Registrar for the Parish of St Mary, Newington Surrey in which
parish one of the parties J.C.M. was residing — in the presence of Mr John Rowbotham Superintendant Registrar of
the witnesses were
Mr. Geo Gill. Lowne one of the Registrars of Marriages; & Miss Emma Alcock (sister of L.A.) & Miss Green, &
Mr Valentine minister of the Presbyterian Congregation at Lewes. There was no other service at the Registrar's office
than the making of the
declarations by each party as required by Law — from the Office the parties & witnesses immediately proceeded to Coles Meeting
The Service at the Meeting house, which was conducted by Mr Valentine, consisted of an address to the newly married
pair, a Hymn, and a prayer. — Several members of the Church, adherents & the Public Services and others were present at
this service. —

J.C. Means

At a Church meeting held at Coles Street - on Sunday Afternoon 10th. Sept. 183

1. Brother Means besought the divine blessing.

2. The minutes of the last meeting were read

3. Harriet Spicer, who had been baptized two years since by our Pastor but had ~~=~~ ~~=~~ ~~=~~

General Baptist Church meeting in Coles Street. Southwark. to the London and
Other Association of General Baptist Churches, to be held at Billingshurst in
Sussex. on Thursday. 14th. Sept. 1837.—

Christian Brethren

We are reminded by the approach of our annual meeting of our duty of
giving you of our condition and prospects as a church. Our number of members at the time of our last
to you was thirty two; we have lost one by death and have added four making our present number thirty
of these however some are so situated as to be rarely with us, and one or two are we regret to say very
apt of maintaining their communion with us: we may consider that twenty six or seven are
our attendants either at our morning or our evening service or both. Our congregations continue
the same as when we last addressed you, and our times of service are also the same viz. on
day Morning and Evening and on one Evening during the week: and our Sunday School and
connected institutions maintain the same position as heretofore.

Various circumstances have tended to prevent the attendance of several of our congregation during the past
year; yet we think the average attendance has not fallen off, and we are therefore in hope that the winter
bring with it some increase to our numbers.— We do not however wish to look forward with too
confidence, for we know by experience that our expectations are not always realized and we are
that a sanguine temper often leads men to form expectations for which there are no good grounds.
we ensure the regular attendance of all who profess to belong to us we should indeed have much
congregations than at present, but we have experienced as we presume most of you have, that there
many who do not seem to appreciate justly the duty and advantage of frequenting the public Worship of God.
neglect of public worship and a general disposition to undervalue the institutions of religion must be
ked as one of the causes and indications of the declension of a religious body. We are aware brethren
the services of Gods houses do not constitute the essence of religion & that there have been too many
ces in which a punctual attendance upon them has been accompanied by the neglect of moral
s. But we apprehend that there is great danger of unduly depreciating both the duty & advantage
tending to these and the other instrumental duties of religion, especially in the young and we
that there is among some religionists too great a prevalence of such depreciatory sentiments.—
inst this evil there is particular reason that we should be on our guard, as it is one to which
are exposed both by our religious sympathies (if we may be allowed the term) and by our
ous antipathies.

It is our opinion brethren that the diminished observance of the ordinance of Baptism, and the
ss of our Churches generally may be in no small degree ascribed to the cause just adverted to.
not of course mean to affirm that every man, who rejects baptism does so from a disposition
undervalue religious institutions: this would be to pass an unjust censure upon many, whose
ian virtue we esteem: but there are observations which may be very justly made of communi-
s or masses of people which cannot be predicated of every individual among them. And
make the observation with the view of leading you to this important conclusion, that if the decline
a body has proceeded from a disposition to undervalue the institutions of religion, our revival
be brought about by such means as will inspire the greatest interest in those services; or
other words, by such means as will Cherish a spirit of fervent piety.— Our extension and increase
without must be preceded by an increase of true religion within our body.

We suggest it for your consideration Brethren whether there is among us that lively and
ful concern for religion which becomes a body of professing Christians. Are we distinguished
holiness to God, by strenuous and persevering efforts for the extension of the Redeemers

Kingdom; by a deep and humbling sense of our own unworthiness of the divine mercy, and a prayerful and believing spirit? If we have not these great requisites it is in vain for us to ~~to~~ or to glory in our pre-eminence in other matters, vain will be our discernment and acuteness ~~in~~ controverted points, vain our sectarian zeal, vain our political activity, vain even any pretensions to superior morality, for what can that morality be in which the first duties those which are owe to God — do not hold the first place —

We make these observations, Brethren, because we wish to draw your attention to what we believe to be the best means in every way of advancing the prosperity of our associated body. We know that we are the objects of reproach in many parts of the Christian World; but we feel assured brethren that the manifestation of a more fervent and devotional spirit would be a far more effectual method of abating the prejudices to which those reproaches owe their origin, than the greatest skill in the defence of our peculiar views. If our tenets are often considered and represented as hostile to Christian piety; it behoves us to be especially careful not to give countenance to the charge by any levity of demeanour, and by any tone of observation which may indicate or imply a disposition indifferent to or scornful of divine things —

It is the intention of our Pastor to be present at your meeting if his preaching engagements will allow him to absent himself from town; and we nominate our brethren Thomas James Beale and Thomas Mills Taylor to represent our Church at your meeting in conjunction with him; and remain

Brethren

Yours in the bonds of the gospel

on behalf of the Church

Joseph Ashdown Means Pastor

P.S. we have been at considerable cost in repairing our place of Worship. This prevents us from forwarding our usual contributions to the fund.

At a Church meeting held at Coles Street, on Sunday Afternoon, 13 May 1832.

1. Brother Means besought the divine blessing. —

2. The minutes of the last meeting were read. —

3. Clara Morgan, who had been baptized by our Pastor last November at Worship Street, was admitted a member of the Church. —

4. That our brother John Cotton and our Sister Mary Coulsle having been long absent from the public services of the Church be considered to have withdrawn from it.

5. That our brethren ~~Mr~~ Means & J.C. Marchant wait upon our brother Allen to know if he desires to continue his connexion with the Church —

6. That the Collection for the Baptist Fund be made to the Morning of the last Sunday in May. and that Mr. Spicer of Deptford be invited to preach. —

7. That our brethren Joseph Enos Marchant, (James Thomas) Beale, Thomas Mills Taylor, & Isaac Reynolds Jeffery) be our Representatives, at the ensuing Assembly.

8. That the Letter now read be adopted as the Letter of this Church to the ensuing Assembly & signed by the Pastor. on behalf of the Church. —

9. That our brethren Thomas James Beale, James Whatley & Joseph Randell be appointed to audit the Deacons accounts at the close of the present half-year. —

10. That the Deacons be requested to have the meeting cleaned at the as usual at this season of the year. —.

11. The Cases of our Sister Mellon Sharpe, and our brother George Booth were mentioned with a view to their being relieved by the Church; but considering the present State of the finances of the Church the Members did not think it prudent to enlarge the allowance of the one, or to make any permanent allowance to the other.

Joseph Mills Randell
William Coulsell
Mary Ann Marchant
Elizabeth Trower
Louisa Means
Jane Diggens

Joseph Labrow Means
Joseph Enos Marchant
James Whatley
Thomas Mills Taylor
Thos Jas Beale
Joseph Marchant
Isaac Reynolds Jeffery

The General Baptist Church meeting in Coles Street, London, to th
General Assembly of General Baptist Churches to be held at Worship
Street on Whit Tuesday, 5th June 1838.

Christian Brethren

We have not in this statement of our Condition
and ~~views~~ of our views and feelings much to communicate of a striking
character. The Change which our Church has undergone since your last
meeting, has been trifling. In our last letter to you we stated the number of
our members at thirty three, it should have been thirty four. Of these two (who
in fact long discontinued their attendance) have been considered as with
but as two have been added by baptism our number is as before. Four or
of these however are rarely able to be with us. Our Communicants com
-ly exceed thirty and our congregations average fifty or sixty. The morning
evening congregations being about equal. Our Sunday School & Congrega
Library ~~Library~~ continue much as usual. Our week evening Services thou
often very thinly attended have been continued through the Winter and
may hope that with the advancing season they will be better attended. Our
congregations on the Lord's day which had diminished during the Wi
have already revived.

We look forward brethren with pleasure to the prospect of receiving you
next year in our place of Worship; for we trust the good attendance at th
times when you have met on our side of the water will encourage you t
repeat the trial.

We appoint our brethren Joseph Enos Marchant. Thomas
Beales. Thomas Mills Taylor. and Isaac Reynolds Jeffrey to be o
representatives at the Assembly: and Commending your deliberatio
to the blessing of Almighty God. We remain

Your brethren in Christ Jesus.

At a Church meeting held at Coles Street on Sunday Evening, after divine Service, 26th Aug 1838.—

1 It was resolved

That our brethren Thomas Mills Taylor and Joseph Mills Randell, be our Representatives at the coming Association to be held at Horsham, on the 5th Sept. instant

2. Brother Means read the letter he had drawn up to be sent to the Association. After which it was resolved

That the letter now read be adopted as the letter of the Church.—

Joseph Calrow Means

[illegible] General Baptist Church meeting at Cole Street, London, to the London [illegible] Southern General Baptist Association to be held at Horsham, [illegible] September next.—

Christian Brethren.

We gladly avail ourselves of the return of your [illegible] meeting to express to you our desires for the welfare of the Churches [illegible] Christ which constitute your association, as well as for the promotion of [illegible] tian truth and holiness in the world at large.—

Our own condition, Brethren is not such as to call for any particular [illegible] mark.— Our members are in number much the same as they were [illegible] year, and our Congregations continue much as they were. Our Sunday [illegible] ol is flourishing; and our Congregational Library and Tract Society [illegible] in useful operation. As to our prospects for the future we can say [illegible]: Conjecture is at best uncertain, but we see no just ground for [illegible] pending any diminution; but think we may rather look for an

increase. — We have good ground for trusting in the merciful providence
that great Being who has given us, in past years, cause to rejoice in the gradual increa
of our Church. — Though our numbers are still so few, that in more flourishing
denominations they would almost excite a smile, yet when compared with
what they were at the removal of the Church from Worship Street to Trinit
Place, they may well inspire us with gratitude. We have had almost every
to report accessions by baptism: this year our Pastor has baptized two fem
friends one of whom has joined the Church and is very usefully engaged
our Sunday School. —

But whatever may be the condition of our Church, that of the Dissenting in
large is we think calculated to excite serious apprehensions in the
breasts of those who have at heart the interest of Churches as Gene
Baptist Churches. — In too many cases the numbers have so far
diminished as to lead [illegible] to the extinction of the Churches, or to their
being merged in others which are not Baptist.

In the district over which our Association extends what losses have been
experienced! Lewes. Chichester and Brighton once had Baptist Chur
Where are they? Others have experienced decay in numbers & alas in
Truly Brethren we think the causes of this deserve serious consideration

We do not here venture to assign them; but we invite your attention
to the subject. — But without adverting further to the causes of dec
we think Brethren we can suggest that every thing which is calculated to
cherish a spirit of piety and prayer is of the greatest value. Let the
young people of our several Congregations seriously consider the great pur
of life; and solemnly determine in whose service they will spend it. The
Service of God or the service of the world: their eternal destiny hangs on
the result. — But O Brethren why point to the young alone? We
ask their attention? Have they alone souls to be sanctified and redeem
Are they alone interested in the great business of salvation? Let us
awake — Have we gone our ways "one to his farm and another to his
Merchandize" — and in the eager pursuit of this worlds goods forsak
or neglected "The one thing needful!" "What is a man profited if he
gain the whole world and lose his own soul! or what shall a man give
exchange for his soul? — Time flies — Eternity approaches — Christ pleads
dying love — God holds out to his children an unfading crown, & man
a father's interest in our redemption. Shall not we respond to these
Let us turn to the Scriptures as the unerring guide of our enquiries
Let us enter our closets to call down the blessing of him that seeth in
secret" and the season of revival may — may must shortly come — God
will say to us "Arise shine. for thy light is come, and the glory of the Lo
is risen upon thee" "Lengthen thy cords and strengthen thy stakes and

ook forth and multiply on every sides"

We beg to appoint our Brethren Thomas Mills Taylor and Joseph Mills Randall / both of whom we trust will be present at your Meeting / our representatives.

And believe us to be

Your Brethren in the Gospel

Joseph Cabrow Means Pastor
Joseph Enos Marchant } Deacons
William Coulsell

At a Church meeting held on Sunday Afternoon, Nov. 11th 1838 at Coles Street. —

1. Brother Means besought the divine blessing. —

2. Thomas Crouch who had been baptized many years ago at Devonshire Square was admitted a member of this Church. —

3. The minutes of the last Meeting were read. —

4. The auditors presented a Statement of the income and expenditure of the Treasurer's* had in hand £ / the past year by which it appeared that the ~~[illegible]~~ the amount £ ~~[illegible]~~ the account being made up to June last

5. A Conversation took place on the State of the Church, and on the difficulties which appeared to have arisen from the sentiments held and preached by Mr Means on atonement & other points - and it was determined that a church meeting be held on Sunday. 2nd. Dec.r at 4 o'Clock — to deliberate on the best course to be pursued. Mr Means having offered to leave the matter to the decision of the Church — It was determined that tea should be provided. —.

Joseph Jabrow Means
Joseph Dix Merchant
William Coulsell
Thos Jas Beale
Thos Hills Taylor
Joseph Mills Randell
Tho.s Crouch
James Whatley
Joseph Reynolds Jeffery
Alfred Merchant
Mary Ann Merchant

At a meting held on Sunday Afternon December 2th 1838 at Coles Street Dover Road

1 Brother J Merchant besought the devine blesing—

2 The minutes of the last Meeting were read.

3 Brother J Marchant informed the Members that he had received a Letter from the Pastor J C Means tending his resignation of the Pastoral care of the Church which Letter was read and the Opinions of the Members taken

4 Brother J Whatley moved that the sense of of this Meeting be taken by Ballot which was seconded by Brother T J Beale

5 Some conversation took place after the reading of the Letter after which the members proceded to Ballot which was 10 for Receiving Joseph Calvin Means Resignation.= and 8 for not Receiving it

6 That a Committie be formed of the Deacons Worton Randell Wilm Coubell J Marchant.= Brother T J Beale and J Whatley to Consider the Affairs of the Church and report next Church Meeting, which is to be held on December 16 1838

Mary ann Marchant

Elizabeth Prowse

Alfred Marchant

Clara Morgan

Sarah Whatley

The letter to the Church from the Pastor Joseph Calvin Means on the Next Page

Josephus Marchant

William Coubell

Thos Beale

Daniel Beal

Joseph Marchant

J. Whatley

Isaac Reynolds Jeffery

George Booth

Thos Mills Taylor

Joseph Mills Randell

Sarah Booth

Christian Brethren

The business which you have to consider at the approaching Church Meeting is one of the most important which can engage your attention in a collective Capacity. So much depends in the present day upon the Minister of a congre that a change in the Pastoral office may well claim the most serious Considerat

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At a Church meeting held on Sunday Afternoon Decr 16th 1838 at Colas Street

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2 The minutes of the last meeting were Read

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at that you should desire a change. Under ordinary circumstances I might leave it to you to decide upon that change! I feel that in taking upon myself to make it I am incurring a serious responsibility. I cannot conceal from myself, I ought not to conceal from you, that our separation will seriously affect the Church & Family connexion & personal attachment will have induced some to join or to continue with the Congregation who will probably leave; and the School will be likely to suffer from the want of that attention which I have been accustomed to give. Add to which that some, who are more or less disposed to adopt my views, will hardly enjoy the kind of preaching, which you will desire. It may be said that these are not things for one to consider: I conceive however that I was bound to consider them before taking a step likely to affect the welfare of a Church, of which God in his providence hath made me Overseer, and in connexion with which he has blessed my labours in a considerable degree. I feel the serious responsibility; and have sought in prayer the direction of him "who giveth wisdom liberally and upbraideth not."

Having sought the guidance of heaven I have come to the conclusion to resign my office as Pastor of the Church. I feel that this is due to them though they disapprove of my sentiments, would feel reluctant by a positive resolution to urge my retirement. For the many many instances of affection & respect which have cheered my labours among you, accept my heartfelt thanks: and if in thought, word, or deed, I have offended any, I desire humbly to express my regret, and to beg forgiveness. I cannot sever asunder the ties that have bound us without sorrow, though some disheartening circumstances have made my the close of my ministry less happy than the former part. What other field of labour, my Heavenly Father may call me to, I cannot tell; or whether he will see fit to appoint me to any in the case of his Church, I can no longer serve him in my office, I can in my daily life, & I trust he will enable me to do so. That the views to which I have been brought will ultimately prevail, I doubt not; that they will even now spread in many directions I see great reason to hope. I am inclined to think that even this change may be made instrumental to their diffusion, by exciting attention: and perhaps when you yourselves, at some future period, shall look back to my time of service with you, things will appear to you in a different light from that in which you at present see them.

And now brethren, Farewell – May the God of Peace be with you: may his word instruct, his Spirit guide, and his love console you. To him I desire to commend you through the intercession of the Redeemer. I am

Your faithful friend & brother in the Lord

Joseph Barrow Means

P.S. May I request that this letter should be entered in the church book. I am anxious to place on record there, this statement of my connexion with you and the causes of its dissolution, as well as of my fidelity and feelings. I shall be glad to know, as soon as you can conveniently determine, when you wish our connexion should finally close.

The Committee appointed at the last Church Meeting December 2nd 1838 to make Enquiery as to the supply of Ministers and other business meet on December 5th 1838 when Brother Randell Coutsell Marchant Beale Whatley Randell Junr where present, Brother JE Marchant reported to the Committee that Brother JC Means had mensioned Lady day 1839 as the Time of resigning the Pastoral Care of the Church, you Committee agread to communicate it at the next Church Meeting December 16th 1838 JE Marchant and Brother Coutsell requested Brother Randell to mention to Mr JO Squiers the resignation of our Brother JC Means and to solicit his Services for Six Months from Lady day Next on the Sunday Evening, and report on next Church Meeting

At a Church meeting held on Sunday Afternoon Dec 16th 1838 at Coles Street

1 Brother JE Marchant besought the divine Blessing

2 The minutes of the last meeting were Read

3 The Committee communicated to the Members that Brother JC Means had mentioned Lady day 1839 as the Time of resigning the Pastoral care of the Church, which was agreed to

4 A Letter from JO Squier was laid before the Members stating his wish that a Letter be sent from the Church signed by the Deacons and other Members, as It will assume a visible and tangible Shape as an official and accredited Memorial

5 That our Brother TJ Beale be requested to draw up an answer to the Letter of JO Squier for the Church, and get the Deacons and Members signatures

Alfred Marchant
Joseph Mills Randell
Wm for G Booth
Thos Jn Beale

Joseph Eliot Marchant
Clara Morgan
ES Sidgould
Elizabeth Trower
Margt Marchant
Hazat Johnson
Ann S Jeffery
S Whatley
WB Jeffery

At a Church Meeting held at Coles Street on Sunday Afternoon Jan 20th 1839

1 Brother T J Beal brought the divine Blessing

2 The minutes of the last Meeting were read

3 A Letter in answer to Mr J O Squires of Decemr 12th 1838 was been drawn up and sent to him Signed by Seventeen of the Members

4 An answer to the Letter from Mr J O Squires has been received and laid before the Members this Day

5 That the Letter drawn up on behalf of the Members of the General Baptist Meeting in Coles Street Dover Road — Tenders their thanks to their Respected Pastor Mr Joseph Brown. Thanks for the many proofs of Kindness during his Ministry be signed by the Deacons and other Members and sent to him

6 That a Copy of the Letter sent to Mr J C Mann be entered in the Church Book

Wm Bacon
Worton Randell
James Whatley
Isaac R Jeffery
Alfred Merchant

Joseph Enos Merchant

Elizabeth Fronder
Mary ct Merchant
E S Lidgould
H Johnson
I M Randell

Letter from the members of the Genrel Baptist Church
Coles Street Dover Road To the Revd Joseph Calrow Means Pastor

Sir

We the undersigned Deacons and members of the
Genl Baptist Church Meeting in Coles Street Dover Road beg to express
our sincere regret at the Circumstances which have occurred to cause a
seperation between you and them but while we admire your —
faithfulness and sincerity in advocating your Opinions with so much
Zeal, we claim a right of judging for our selves whether those things
are so or not, and being unable to come to the same Conclusions that
you have, we think it would be inconsistant for us to support tenets
the truth of which we are not fully persuaded of, We are aware
that in parting with you we lose a kind friend and Counsellor
one who was ever ready to sympathize with our joys and sorrows
but however severe the trial may be on either side we trust it
will Eventually work out good in the hands of the Sovereign
Disposer of all events and that you will have the reward of your
labours among us repaid by the heartfelt delight of an approving
Conscience

Wishing you and Mrs Means every happiness
yourselves can wish for in this life, and Eternal Happiness
in the life to come

We remain Yours, &c

At a Church meeting held on Sunday Afternoon
May 12. 1839 at Coles Street.

1 Brethren J E Marchant besought the divine blessing
2 The minuts of the last Meeting were read
3 That the letter now read be adopted as the letter
of this Church to the ensuing Assembly and signed by
Deacons on behalf of this Church
4 That our Brethren Joseph Enos Marchant Worton Ran
T J Beale J Whatley be our Representives at the Gen[l] Assembly
5 That the Deacons be appointed to git the Windows cle
6 That Thos. James Beale and J Whatley be appointed
audit the accounts and lay them before the next Church Meetin
7 That an Auxiliary Fund in aid of Coles Street Meetin
be formed and that our Brother Tho[s] James Beale be
appointed Collector & Treasurer
8 That on Whit Sunday morning a Collection be made
on behalf of the Gen[l] Baptist Fund

Joseph Enos Marchant
E Tronin
Mary A Marchant
E S Lidgould
A J Jeffery
H Johnson
J Whatley
Alfred Marchant
J R Jeffery
J Randell
Norton Randell
Tho. Crouch
Tho[s] J. Beale

The General Baptist Church meeting in Tole Street London to the General Assembly of Genl Baptist Churches to be held at Worship[illegible] on Whit Tuesday May 1839.

Christian Brethren

In our last Letter to the Gen Assembly stated that we had little to communicate of a striking Character, Church having undergone but a trifling Change but this Year we cannot say the same, as our late Respected Pastor Change of opinion became more prominent it was felt, and caused the subject frequently discussed among the members, some entering more fully into the Subject than others but the majority of the members could not agree with their Respected pastor in his new views which caused his Resignation of the care of the Church

It is painful at all times to part with a pastor who has won the Respect of the members by his Kindness, but we think the cause of truth ought not to be sacrificed to meet our feelings, and welcome of no greater proof of Zeal than to stand fast in the liberty wherein Christ has made us free, and to carry on his work in humility, trusting to that Good Being who knows the hearts of all men and will reward them according to his good pleasure.

We have added one member formerly belonging to the Church Devonshire Square, making the number at this time 35, we have given the Numbers as they stand on the Church Book, having recived any notice of withdrawing, but we think it probable 3 members will withdraw.

Our Morning Service has been conducted since March by Unitarian Ministers and lay Preachers, and the Evening Service by the Revd J. C. Squir of Deptford the attendance has improved and with the Divine blessing we hope for a further increase Our Sunday School is in a flourishing state, and our Library much the same as last year.

Our juvenile Missionary and Tracts Society has done

Turn over

but little during the past year some of the Tracts containing
Doctrines which the distributors could not conscientiously circul
but we have the pleasure to state that Districts will be fo
aind four or five active persons have come forward to distribute
Tracts more suited to their views of the Gospel

Our Week Day Evening Service has been discontinued o
number of Attendants being very small during the latter part
our late pastors Ministry

We appoint our Brethren J C. Marchant. Morton Randel
T J Beale and J Whitby to be our Representatives at the Assoc
and again commending you to the Divine Blessing.

The remain Your Brethr
in Christ Jesus

J C. Marchant Morton Randell William Coulsell	Deacon

At a Church Meeting held on Sunday July 14 1839 at
Coles Street Dover Road Borough

1 Brother J J Beale besought the divine blessing

2 The Minutes of the last meeting were read. – –

3 The accounts of the past Year have been audited and found
Correct showing a Balance due to the Church of £ 4 11 4 ½ – – – – –

4 That Mr W C Gascoign and Mr Hemmings having been
Baptized at Deptford by the Rev J C Squire on June 23 1839 and
wishing to join this Church have been admitted Members this Day

5 That the thanks of the members of the Gen Baptist Church
meeting in Coles Street be given to Brother W. C. Gascoign for his kind
services and for his active exertions in getting a Supply of Ministers
and that he be requested to continue his services

6 That our Brother J J Beale be requested to act as
Treasurer of the Church for the next three Years

Joseph Cross Marchant
Worton Randell
Thos Beale
Jos Mills Taylor
Joseph Mills Randell
Alfred Marchant
Michael Gascoigne
John Hemming
J R Jeffery
Mary A Mercer
Catherine Taylor
Elizabeth Trower
Sarah Dixon

At a Church Meeting held at Coles Shett, on Sun
Sepr 1st 1839.

1 Brother T. J. Beale besought the Divine Blessi

2 The Minutes of the last Meeting were read and con

3 It was Resolved that the Letter read be adopted and sen
as the Letter of the Church to the G. B. Association to b
held at Godalming on Tuesday Sepr 17th 1839

4 That our Brethren T. J. Beale, Wm Randell and J. B
be the Representatives at the Association

5 Resolved that the Deacons invite the Revd J. O
to conduct the Evening Service for the ensuing 6 Mon

6 That the Deacons be impowered to communicate
with Mr Gascoigne respecting the Morning Services.

7 That a Sermon be preached for the benefit of the Sun
Schools -

Worton Randell
Geo^e Booth +

Joseph Cros Marchant
Alfred Marchant
Thos^s Beale

Harriot Johnson
Elizabeth Trower.
Jane Whatley
Joseph Mills Randell
Isaac R Jeffery
M A Marchant
A Jeffery

The General Baptist Church meeting at Coles Street London
To the London and Southern G. B. Association to be held at
Godalming, on Tuesday Septr 17th 1839.

Christian Brethren

The return of the season for our Annual Meeting reminds us of the duty which we owe to you of expressing our sympathy with you, and conveying an account of our condition and prospects as a Christian Church.

Since our last Annual Meeting a great change has taken place in our Church, by the resignation of our late respected Pastor Mr. J. C. Means, in consequence of the dissatisfaction felt by the majority of the members at his new views. The separation was a painful one, Br. M. having won the esteem of the members by his truly Christian conduct.

Our Morning Services has been conducted since last March, by Unitarian Ministers and Lay Preachers, and the Evening Services by the Rev. J. O. Squire of Deptford, the attendance has improved, and with the divine blessing we see reason to hope for a further increase.

We have added 2 Members to our Church by Baptism, one of whom has been a valuable acquisition to us by his Pulpit, Services, and we expect shortly to add 2 or 3 more; our present number of members on the Books are 33, 4 having left us, our number of communicants amount to between 30 and 40,

Our Sunday School, Library, Juvenile Missionary & Tract Societies are kept up, and altho' we have many discouragements to labour under, we are not dispirited, but humbly hope by perseverance and the assistance of that Divine Being, who will suffer no effort for his word, however humble, to be lost, finally to overcome all our difficulties.

We appoint our Brethren J. F. Beale, W. Randell and J. Randell Junr to be our Representatives and commending your deliberations to the blessing of Almighty God we remain yours &c signed by the Deacons

Public Notice was given on Sunday the 17th and on Sunday 24th of November that Mr Gascoigne would conduct the Morning Service for the ensuing three months on probation

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December 20th 1839. at a Meeting of the Trustees of the Chapel held at Coles Street present Mr Means, Mr Coulsell Mr Marchant, Mr Randell, Mr Beale, It was resolved that a Church Meeting be held on Sunday Evening next, to take into consideration the propriety of giving up the Lease of the Chapel

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Copy of the Summons for the Meeting of Trustees

Sir your attendance as a Trustee of Coles Street Chapel is requested on Friday Evening Dec 20th at 7 o Clock, to consider how far it will be advisable to give Notice to quit the Premises Mr Chadwick having made a demand for 9 years Insurance if you should be engaged, a Line from you will oblige yours &c

J. E. Marchant

At a Church Meeting held at Coles Street on Sunday Dec 22nd 1839.

It was moved by Brother Whatley and Seconded by Brother J. Randell jun^r that the Trustees be empowered to give Notice to quit the Chapel at Midsummer next

H. Beale — Morton Randell — E. Randell

Mary Ann Marchant — Saml Whatley — Edwd Trower

Catherine Taylor — Joseph Mills Randell — Joseph Chas Marchant

Geo^e Booth — Isaac R. Jeffery — John Hennings

Wm Coulsell — A. Jeffery

At a Church Meeting held at Coles Street, on Sunday Feby 23rd 1840

1. Brother T. J. Beale besought the Divine Blessing —

2. Resolved that Mr Gascoigne be paid the Sum of £4 for his expenses

3 Resolved that Mr Beale be requested to get supplies for the Sunday Morning —

4 Resolved that the Rev J. Squier be requested to conduct the Evening Service for the ensuing 3 Months on the same terms as at present —

Thos Beale
J Chapelhouse
D. Beal
Wm Coulsell
Joseph Merchant
J. A. Jeffery
Mob Marchant
Thos Crouch

Alfred Marchant
Worton Randell
J M Randell
Jamy Whalley
John Hemming
Ann Jeffery
Geo Booth

At a Church Meeting held at Coles Street on Sunday March 2nd 1840

1 Resolved that Mr Beale and Mr Coulsell be requested to wait on the Managers of Stamford Street Chapel, to make an offer of £20 for the use of the Chapel on Sunday Evenings for the term of 12 months

Joseph Merchant
Worton Randell
Thos Merchant
Thos Beale
Wm Coulsell

J. Alford Merchant
Joseph Mills Randell
Isaac Reynolds Jeffery
David Beal
Jamy Whalley
Amy Jeffery

1632 At a Church Meeting held at Coles Creek on Sunday

May 3d 1

It was ordered That the Offer of the
Stamford St Congregation be accepted

That the Deacons be impowered to borrow
the sum of 50£ at 8 per Cent, if required

Resolved that Mr Squire be requested to conduct
the publick Service in the Room at the Rate of 25£ per Annum.

Thos Beale

Robert Marchant

Norton Randett

Joseph Marchant

Tho Crouch

Joseph Mills Randell

Thos Mabley

Joseph Croc[illegible] Marchants

Wm Coulsell

John Hemming

Isaac Reynolds Jeffery

Proposal of the Members of the G. B. Church Meeting at Coles Green
to the Managers of the Stamford Street Chapel

The members of the Genl Baptist Church meeting at Coles Shut
down Road, propose to the Trustees & Congregation of Stamford Street
Chapel to a partial occupation of that Chapel for religious service on
the following conditions, viz^h

The Chapel to be open to the Members of the Genl Baptist Church
for one religious service every Sunday Evening except when required for
Evening Lectures by the Stamford Street Congregation, during the continuance
of which the Genl Baptist Church to have the use of it for an afternoon service
the expence of Cleaning, Lighting, Firing & two Openers to be paid by the
Stamford Street Congregation, who shall retain to themselves the right
of cancelling this arrangement at any period, and without previous notice

The members of the Genl Baptist Church in consideration of the
above named accomodation, propose to pay to the Trustees and Congregation
of Stamford Street Chapel the sum of Twelve Shillings and Sixpence
for every Sunday the Chapel shall be so opened for their use—

The Stamford Street Congregation to grant what accomodation for
Library & Bookcase their confined space for such purpose will allow—

On behalf of the G. B. Church
Coles Shut Down Road—

J. O. Squire Minister of the said Church

Agreeable to the above Proposals, the Church removed from Wyllie Alley to the Chapel in Stamford Street Blackfriars Road on Sunday the 21st of June 1840, Divine Service being performed in the Evening by the Revd J. O. Squire

The undersigned, Deacons and Members being present

T. E. Marchant
Worton Randell

James Whatley
J. M. Randell
John Hewson
Edward Marchant
Thos Beaver

John Heppenstall
Joseph Masterman
Mary Ann Marchant
E. Randell
Ann Tuttle

At a Church Meeting held at Coles' Street on Sunday June 7th 1840

It was Resolved that Brother T. J. Beale be appointed to superintend the removing of the Library and Furniture of Coles Street Meeting-house to Stamford Street Chapel

2 That an early application be made to Mr Chadwick to purchase the Furniture and Fixtures of Coles Street Meeting House,

3. That the Letter from this Church to the Genl Assembly meeting at Worship Street on Whit Tuesday be sent to the Secretary and that Brothers Beale Marchant and Randell be our Representatives at the Assembly.

4 That Brothers J. M. Randell, & J. Whatley be appointed to audit the Treasurers Acct for the past year.

H. D. Jas Beale.
Josh Hemming
Morton Randell

Joseph Enos Marchant
David Beal
Joseph Mills Randell
James Whatley
Ann Jeffery
Catherine Taylor

The Key of the Chapel in Coles Street was delivered up to Mr Chadwicks Clerk on Saturday July 4th 1840 by Mr Castle in presence of a Witness, after the repairs were completed

The Key had been given up and accepted previous Midd. Day, but delivered back to the Bricklayer to enable him to do the repairs

At a Meeting of the Members of the Whites Alley Church (removed from Coles Sheet, Dover Road, to the Chapel in Stamford Sheet, Blackfriars Road,) on Sunday Septr. 13th. 1840.

The accounts were inspected and T. Beare reported that he had advanced the sum of £25, and that £15, more was required for the Michelmas Quarter, which Mr. Marchant promised to advance

J. E. Marchant
Jas. Beare
John Flemming
Joseph Marchant
Wm. Beard

Jonas Shelley
Worton Randell
Joseph Mills Randell
John Hatton
Mary A. Marchant
E. Randell

Wm. Jeffery
Catherine Taylor

At a Church Meeting held at Stamford Street on Sunday evening April 19th

It was Resolved that Brother T. J. Beare be requested to draw up the Letter to be sent to the Genl. Assembly on Whit Tuesday

That Brothers J. E. Marchant, Flemming, and J. Randell, be our Representatives at the Assembly

That Brother J. M. Randell be appointed Librarian

That Brothers J. Flemming and A. Marchant be appointed to audit the Treasurers Accounts

William Cordell
Worton Randell
Thos. Jas. Beare
Alfred Marchant
Joseph Jno. Marchant
Jas. Beard

Mary A. Marchant
Joseph Mills Randell
Wm. Jeffery
Sarah Do.
Jno. Flemming
Catherine Taylor

At a Church Meeting held at the Chapel in Stamford
on Sunday the 9th of May, the following Letter was read and
it was resolved that it should be sent as the Letter from the
Church to the Genl Assembly meeting at Worship St on Whit Tues
June 2nd - 1841 -

The Genl Baptist Church formerly meeting at White
Alley, lately at Coles Street Down Road, and now at Stamford
Street Blackfriars Road, to the General Assembly & General
Baptist Churches to be held at Worship Street on Whit Tuesday
1841 -- Christian Brethren we hail with pleasure
the return of our yearly assembly, and hope that our meeting
together may be for mutual edification and comfort

Since our last letter the members of the Church and
Congregation have assembled for public Worship at the Chapel
in Stamford Street Blackfriars Road, when the service is conducted
on the evening of the Lords Day by the Revd S. B. Squire

During the past year our course has been a steady
and quiet one, our Congregation remains about the same in
point of numbers, we have lost one valuable member by death
a young man who took a very lively interest in the welfare of the
Church, he was unfortunately drowned by the upsetting of a Boat on the
River Thames while transacting some business for his employer
he is gone to his rest may we be prepared to follow him -

We have received some additional subscribers to our Congregational
Library since we have been at Stamford St - our number of Communicants
is not so great as when we were at Coles St owing to the distance many
of our friends reside from the place of meeting

We appoint our Brethren J. E. Marchant, J. Hemmings, and
J. McRandell to be our Representatives at the Assembly, and

may the blessing of God rest upon your deliberations and make them
effectual to the well being of the Churches you represent, may
they promote the truth as it is in Jesus, and strengthen all the
members of our body.

52 Jul. 26. The Church Objects to allowing the Tenants of Monsale
any thing to the Tenants of Monsale towards the Loss of Cattle
by the Distemper
754 Sep. 15. agree to a subscription towards Carrying on the Sheriffs Cause
in Conformity to the Report of the Deputies
57 Jul. 10. Mr Bulkley Proposed a Catechistical Lecture, on Monday Evenings
no notice of it afterwards to 22 Nov 1761.

Recorded
Church Meeting were regularly held by this Congregation
every Month from the year 1681 till the year 1746 when they began
to be held more seldom and gradually more so. The most material Business
of the Church were loosly recorded, & very often totally omitted.
The Last Church meeting recorded is 22d. Nov. 1761. and since that time
nothing seems to have been recorded, nor any Church meeting to have
been regularly held.

A very respectable General Meeting of all the five Congregations
was held Feb. 6. 1726/7 on several Special matters at which were present all the 5 Elders and
Three Representatives out of each of the 5 Churches
among other Resolutions then recorded is the following viz.
It was The Trustees observe That they had come to an Agreement
among themselves, That those Words in the Deeds in Relating to this Trust
viz. Baptists of the General Faith, or Baptists of the General Persuasion
or Baptists holding the General Faith are by them Explained to Intend
nothing else but such Baptists who hold the Doctrine of Universal
Redemption, or that Christ Died for all Men. and further Desiring
that this Determination of theirs may be Entered in our Several
Church Books, as a means most effectually to Secure, against
any further Debates arising among them.

1739 July 22 The Writings relative to Mr Bowles's Legacy of £100 in the Million Bank for the use of this Church to be Lodged with Mr Robt Plimpton

Aug. 19 Notice to be given that if the Members do not expend themselves to defray the Expence of Mr Mullinos funeral they will be called on at their own houses

Sep 23. Ord that a List of all the Members be prepared

Nov. A. a Letter of Invitation to be sent to Mr. Ashworth to Succeed Mr Mullines mentioning the Fundamental Principles of the Church viz. Those in 6 of Hebrews 1 & 2. verses and Universal Redemption and saying by Laying on of hands We do not Suppose the extraordinary Gifts of the Holy Ghost (which were immediately given to the Apostles and first Xians of working Miracles & the Gift of Tongues) are now given but only the ordinary Gifts of the Holy Spirit to aid Ministers

1739/40 Feb. 3. Agreed to Receive Mr Ashworth & his Family without Laying on of hands as they do not see the necessity of it but Mr Ashworth Promises to administer it to any who should require it

1740 Apr. 20. The Monthly Church Meetings to be changed from Sunday to Monday Evenings

July 2. Mr Ashworth and several Deacons were Ordained by Messrs Fry, Foster Burroughs & Weatherley & Dined at the Crown at Crippelgate

Aug. 25 P. J's Trustees Copies a Copy of the Deeds

1742 July 19 Church Meetings to be held on Sunday Evenings

Oct 24. Collection for the Widow of Mr. Ashworth

Mr Baron to Preach one in 2 weeks another to be Sought for the other days

Nov. 21. Mr Bulkley desired to Preach in Turn with Mr Baron

Dec. 19 Mr Baron & Mr Bulkley to have each 15 sh. a day

1742/3 Mar. 20. Resolutions Agreed on in 1726 relative to the Property of P J's Estate and Continuing in the Plain General Faith or Profession Confirmed

Vid. 1726 Sep 18 Oct 3. 10. 24. 26 Feb. 6 &c and especially the back of the Leaf facing the 5 page & 1726/7 Feb 27 page 267 — 6th & face of Jan 27 1726/7 To be Told before he gives his Ans.

1743. Apr. A. Mr Bulkley elected Pastor

That the Church hold the Doctrine of General Redemption or that Christ Died for all Men

1744 Dec. 23. Proposal to Treat with the Church in Barbican for part of each Sunday

1744/5 The Church at Barbican Consent & Propose Terms Jan. 20. Feb. 17

Nov. 12. a Mem. that Geo. Steeps of Worster gave by his Will £100 to Mich Dod & Jn. Worrich in Trust to Pay the Int. after his wifes Death to the Ministr of the Baptist Cong. in Town Ditch, Worster

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1728 Oct.20 Resolved that the 5th of Nov. be spent in Prayer from 1 to 6
and to Conclude with a Sermon
Mar. 23, That on Wednesday in Easter week then be Prayer fro. 3 to 6
1730 Aug. 23. Leave given for the General Assembly which has been
used to Meet at Stoney Stafford to meet next Whitsontide at
this place
1732 The General Assembly Remitted to meet here at Whitsontide
Mar.23 but this Church Agree Resolve not to Join them without further
Consideration
May 21 Resolved not to Join them this Year
July 23 Collection for Dissenters who had been Mal-treated by a Riotous Mob
at Ludlow in Shropshire
1733 Sep.23. Subscription towards Building a new meeting house at Yarmouth
Rsolvd to next Church Meeting — Oct.21 Rsolvd to next Meeting
Nov.18. Rsolvd — Dec.23. no notice of it
1735 Sep.21 Collection Resolved for the Children of D. Gale
Nov.23. Wm. Plimpton Promised one Guinea a year for a Sermon
on 1st Lord's annually — five Guineas for the Poor and five Shillings
for the Person who clears the place during his Life
1736 May 23. Wm Randall & Wm Morris Invite the Pastor & Representatives
of this Church to Join the General Assembly at Glasshouse Yard
Goswell Street in the Whitsun week & This Church Agreed to do so
July. 18 £100 being wanted for the use of Barnyhams Trustees Propose to
raise it by an Annt. of £15 on the Life of a Man & his wife
1736/7 Jan.y 23. £4.4.0 Voted for the use of the Deputation
1737 May 22. Agreed to send the Minister & Representatives to the Assembly
at Glasshouse Yard
1737/8 Feb. 19 Assistance Solicited for Jn.o Treacher of Barkhamstead
Marg Rsolvd — Apr. 23 Rsolvd — May 21 Rsolvd — June 18 Rsolvd
Proposed that some Persons do Exercise their Gifts & that it be Rsolvd
to next Meeting
1738 June 18. Trial of the Gifts to be this Day 3 weeks at 5 o' clock
Aug 20 Resolved to make a Collection for J Treacher — Trial of Gifts
to be 2 Lords Day next month
Sep.17 £2.7.8½ collected for J Treacher
1739 Apr. 22. W Mullinor confirmed by Assent
May 22 Two Messengers appointed to the General Assembly at Glasshouse Yard
June 17 Committee to be chosen to Defray the Expence of W Mullinor's Travel
and to Provide Ministers to supply his Station Rich Drinkwater, Mes.

July 22